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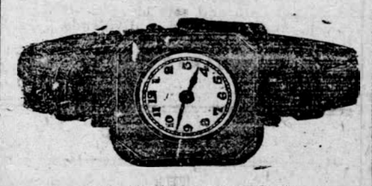

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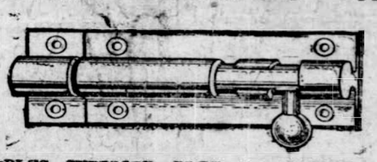
BOLT  BRAND

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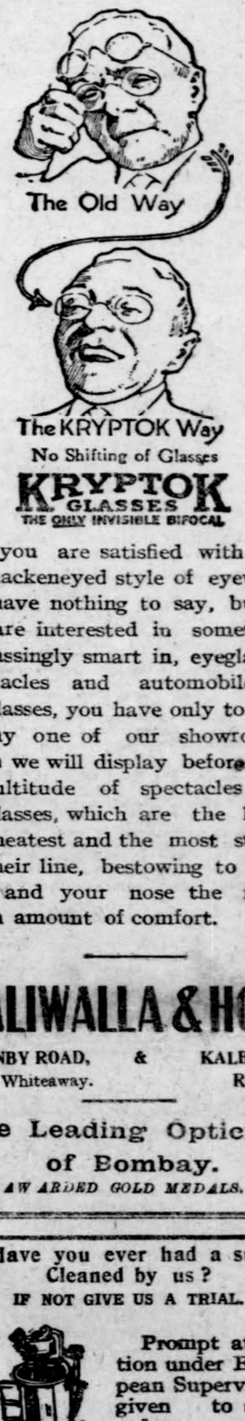

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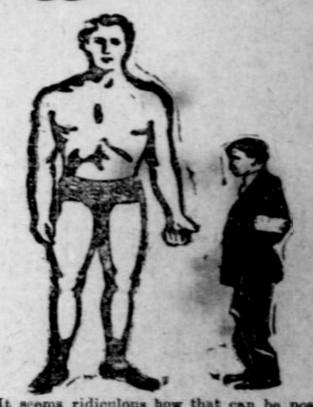

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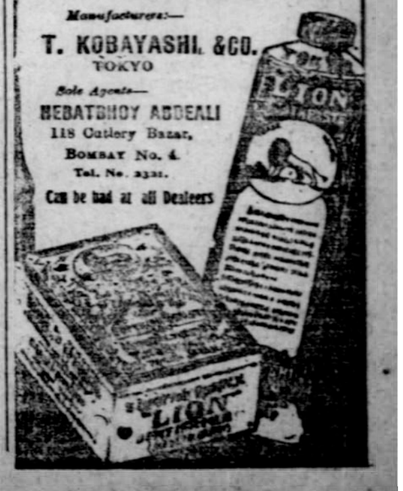

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NOTICE.

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By the order of the Board.
For The Eastern Martime Limited
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NOTICE.

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3531

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

TENDERS for works in the construction of a combined Dispensary and School at Sandhurst Road will be received up to 1 p.m. (B. T.), on THURSDAY, the 9th day of January, 1919.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and should be delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant.

Forms of contract, specification, etc., will be issued free of charge to any one deputed to receive them by the Undersigned, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

JAMES W. MACKISON,
B.Sc., M.I.C.E.,
Executive Engineer.
Municipal Office:
Bombay, 20th December, 1918. 3701

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned MANHARLAL TULSIDAS MEHTA, hereby inform the Public that I am the holder of a half share (ordinary) of the Nagpur Central India Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd., bearing No. 6755A which I have lost or misplaced. I therefore warn the public not to deal with the said share and in spite of this notice any one deals with the said share he will do so at his risk.

MANHARLAL TULSIDAS MEHTA.
New Stock Exchange.
Bombay, 14th December, 1918. 3621

THE EXCHANGE BANKS, BOMBAY.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant, being Public Holidays, the Exchange Banks will be CLOSED in accordance with the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. 3670

FREE HELP.
TO
FAMINE-STRICKEN PEOPLE, CATTLE AND BIRDS.

THE BOMBAY KARIANA MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION has opened a FAMINE RELIEF FUND, to help people, cattle and birds in the present famine year. Therefore any village from Cutch, Kathiawar, Guzerat, Mewad and Marwad, that may be in need such help may apply to the undersigned.

SHAH PARMANAND RATANJEE,
THAKAR TULSIDAS TEJPAL,
Joint Hon. Secretaries
Famine Relief Fund Committee.
The Bombay Kariana Merchants Association
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Dated 15th Nov. 1918.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai JIVNAI, widow and Executrix of Bomanji Shapurji Chothia, the Receiver appointed in High Court Suit No. 802 of 1905, in which the said Bai JIVNAI, widow and Executrix, is the Plaintiff and Manordas Luchmandas and others are Defendants, has contracted to sell the property described in the Schedule hereunder written to our clients, Messrs. PURSHOTAMDAS MANGALDAS, NATHOOBHOY, MOHANDAS KAMALSI, KRISHNALAL MOHANLAL JHAVERI, Rai Bahadur CHUNILAL HARILAL SETALVAD and Mr. MAGANLAL DALPATRAM KHAKHAR. All persons having any claim or claims against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lien, charge or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 79, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

All that piece or parcel of Fazendari vacant land or ground situate, lying and being at Bhasker Lane, in Garwady Chart, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement three hundred and thirty-four square yards or thereabouts (being more or less) and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 428 and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East, West and North by the property belonging to the Trustees of Hargowan Anandji Desai Charities and on or towards the South by a passage and beyond it the property formerly of Balaji Jagannath and now of Khatri Harichand Rupchand and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward Nos. 4560 and 4561 and Street No. 7 (1).

Dated this 20th day of December, 1918.
MANSUKHLAL HIRALAL MEHTA & Co.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai JUMNABAI, daughter of Gordhandas Doongersey and widow of Thakur Jamnadas Vasanji and Bai GANGABAI, daughter of Gordhandas Doongersey and wife of Thacker Vasanji Naranji, the executrices of the Will with a codicil thereto of Mamibai, widow of Thacker Gordhandas Doongersey, and daughter of Moolji Anandji, have contracted to sell to the purchaser who is our client the undermentioned property:—

All persons having any claim or interest thereto or therein or in or to any part thereof, either by way of gift, inheritance, mortgage, charge, lease, lien, trust or otherwise howsoever, are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at No. 65, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which, the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim or interest and the same, if any, will be treated as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of the quit and ground rent tenure together with the messuage tenement or building standing thereon, situate at Bora Bazar Street, within the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 227 square yards or thereabouts (be it more or less) and Registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 511, New No. 5615, Old Survey No. 1/850, New Survey No. 8851 and bounded as follows:—that is to say on or towards the East by the aforesaid Bora Bazar Street, on or towards the West by the property of Thucker Goculdas Vullabhadas, on or towards the North by Mangesh Senoy Street, and on or towards the South by the property of Thucker Wooka Mohanjee and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under A Ward No. 2322 and Street Nos. 352-354-356 and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendors.

Bombay, 12th Dec., 1918.
EDGELOW GULABCHAND WADIA & CO.
3632 Purchaser's Attorneys.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of YESHWANT NARAYAN TENDALKAR, Loading Clerk in B. B. and C. I. Railway Co., Shenvi Hindu Inhabitant, a widower Deceased. VITHAL YESHWANT TENDOLKER, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, the son of the said deceased, residing at Carnac Bridge, outside the Fort of Bombay ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this eighteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen and in the ninth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.
W. J. HOWARD.

The 18th day of December, 1918.
Mr. VITHAL YESHWANT TENDOLKER.
Petitioner in Person.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of INDERJI HIRJI VORA alias ANDERJI HIRJEE VORA, of Bombay, Bania Hindu ..... Deceased.

HIRJI DWARKADAS, of Bombay, Bania Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Sandhurst Road, Without the Fort ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this Twelfth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Eighteen and in the Ninth year of Our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.
W. J. HOWARD.

The 12th day of December, 1918.
Messrs. PANDIA & Co.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of Babool Mahomed, of Bombay, Khoja Sunni Mahomedan inhabitant, a merchant ..... Deceased.

ALLADINBHOY NANJIBHOY, of Bombay, Khoja Sunni Mahomedan Inhabitant, landed proprietor, residing at 20, Israel Mobella, without the Fort of Bombay, the sole executor named in the Will of the said deceased ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this Eighteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and in the Ninth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.
(Sd.) W. J. HOWARD,

The 18th day of November, 1918.
Mr. ALLADINBHOY NANJIBHOY.
Petitioner in person.
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SALE BY AUCTION.

J. S. MODY & CO.

20, APOLLO STREET, FORT.
Telephone No. 3409.

AUCTION SALE OF 58 BALES JAPANESE YARN.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st day of December, at 1 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co., will sell by Public Auction, by order of Sha Chotalal Lalobhoy at his shop at Tamba Kanta, Pydhownie and on account and at the risk of Messrs. K. M. Subeyar:—

8 bales each 400 lbs. Japanese Yarn No. 40 Ex. S.S. "Uroppa Maru."
10 bales each 400 lbs. Japanese Yarn No. 30. Ex. S.S. "Uroppa Maru."
40 bales each 400 lbs. Japanese Yarn No. 50. Ex. S.S. "Ujain Maru."
Terms:—Deposit 25 per cent. delivery within 3 days.

AUCTION SALE, TO-MORROW SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1918, AT 2-30 P.M. (S. T.)

Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, SUNDAY the 22nd day of December, 1918, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), at No. 6, Cuffe Parade, Colaba Heelamatica, very valuable teakwood, blackwood and carved household furniture, etc., comprising dining table, arm and armless chairs, handsome sideboard, dinner and dumbwaiters, meatsafes, rich glass, porcelain and plateware, marble top tables, tapestry upholstered drawing room suite, Chesterfield sofas and chairs, handsome cabinets, corner cabinets, rich carpets, flower vases, pictures, sweet-toned semi-grand piano, large partition screen, Milner's safe, revolving book cases, glass plate show cabinets, roll top writing tables, record cabinets, iron beds, handsome almyrahs, clothes and gowns presses, chest of drawers, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, ice-box reclining sofas, durrie carpets, cooking utensils, garden flower pots, "Henderson" Combination 1916 Model, 12 H.-P. Motor bicycle with Gloria side car and lamps, just overhauled, etc., etc.

The property of Alex. M. Tod, Esq., Manager, British Dominions General Insurance Co., Ld., and others.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

AUCTION SALE OF 12 DRUMS SOLID CAUSTIC SODA.

On MONDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1918, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. J. S. MODY and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms in Apollo Street, Fort, under instructions from Messrs. Kanga and Sayani Attorneys for Messrs. Mancherji and Ratanji Tata and Co., and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Popatlal P. Kandolia and Co.

12 drums each about 6 cwts. Solid Caustic Soda of 98/99 degree.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance will have to be paid and goods cleared the next day of sale.

J. S. MODY & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 21st Dec., 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. MEHTA & CO.

Auctioneers to the Government and G. I. P. Railway.
No. 25 Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
Telephone No. 1285.

AUCTION SALE OF 2 PACKAGES PURMATTO AND 2PACKAGES HARINEBOND.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 2 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of Seth Mohanlal Vasanji and on account and at the risk of the undermentioned parties.

On account and at the risk of Sha Kalyanji Odhavji:—
2 packages coloured purmatto of Karachi.
On account and at the risk of Sha Varjivandas Manordas:—
2 packages Markendrai's Harinebond smaller width.

AUCTION SALE OF 6 CASES PRINTS.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 2-15 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of Seth Chimanlal Chaganlal and on account and at the risk of the concerned.

3 cases each 20 pieces white prints No. 1009.
1 case Shirting prints No. 751/851.

AUCTION SALE OF 13 BALES ENGLISH-MADE GREY DHOTEES.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 3-45 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of Seth Vadilal Purshottam and on account and at the risk of Seth Chunilal Gambhirdas.

13 bales each 200 pairs English-made Grey dhotees No. 4488 or other 7/10 yds.

AUCTION SALE OF 4 PACKAGES SHIRTINGS OF THE GLOBE MILLS.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of Seth Shantilal Chimanlal and on account and at the risk of Seth C. Nagardas Manilal.

1 package 50 pieces shirtings of the Globe Mills No. 8705, 9½ lbs.
2 packages each 50 pieces shirtings of the Globe Mills No. 8705, 9 lbs.
1 package 50 pieces shirtings of the Globe Mills No. 8503, 8½ lbs.

AUCTION SALE OF 5 BALES TINTINS OF THE SPRING MILLS.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 4.45 p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of the concerned and account and at the risk of Sha Himatlal Devabhai.

1 bale about 60 pieces Tintins of the Spring Mills No. 5009.
2 bales each about 60 pieces Tintins of the Spring Mills No. 5017.
1 bale about 60 pieces Tintins of the Spring Mills No 5031.
1 bale about 60 pieces Tintins of the Spring Mills No. 5002.

AUCTION SALE OF 2 BALES JAPANESE SHIRTINGS.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 5 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of Seth Randut Brijmohan and on account and at the risk of Seth Gorakhram Hanibakas.

7 bales each 50 pieces Japanese shirtings No. 666.

AUCTION SALE OF 25 BALES LIGHT-WEIGHT SHIRTINGS OF THE SPRING MILLS.

On MONDAY, the 23rd instant at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of the Dharamraj gully at Champagully, Mulji Jetha Market by order of Messrs. C. Nagardas Manilal and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Mathuradas and Co.

5 bales light-weight shirtings of the Spring Mills No. 2150, 6 lbs.
5 bales light-weight shirtings of the Spring Mills No. 3150, 6½ lbs.
10 bales light-weight shirtings of the Spring Mills No. 4150, 7 lbs.
2 bales light-weight shirtings of the Spring Mills No. 5150, 9 lbs.
3 bales light-weight shirtings of the Spring Mills No. 9150, 9½ lbs.
10 bales light-weight shirtings of the Spring Mills No. 11150, 10½ lbs.

AUCTION SALE OF 1 PACKET BRILLIANT DIAMONDS.

On MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction, by order of Messrs. Nyan at the shop of Seth Raichand Motichand at Zaveri Bazar and on account and at the risk of the Firm of London:—

1 packet 123 carats Brilliant Diamonds ranging 3 to 5, 10 to 12 and 50 to 56 in a carat.
The above packet will be sold in lots convenient to buyers.

AUCTION SALE OF 6 BALES CHECKS OF THE UNION MILLS.

On SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of the Dharamraj Gully at Champa Gully, Mulji Jetha Market, by order of Seth Vijbhukhandas Gulabdas and on account and at the risk of Seth Manilal Nagindas:—

6 bales each 80 pieces Checks of the Union Mills No. B.B.B.

AUCTION SALE OF 11 BALES SUSI OF THE PEARL MILLS.

On SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of the Dharamraj Gully at Champa Gully, Mulji Jetha Market, by order of Punjabi Nanakchand Ishvarsing and on account and at the risk of Marwadi Navmal Devda:—

11 bales Susi of the Pearl Mills No. 4005.

AUCTION SALE OF 30 BALES JAPANESE SHIRTINGS.

On SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. MEHTA and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the baling press opposite the gate of the Dharamraj Gully at Champa Gully, Mulji Jetha Market, by order of Seth Mohandas Kanaiey and on account and at the risk of Seth Punjabhoy Padamsey of Ganesh Chowk:—

Ex. S. S. "Kosaka Maru."

10 bales Japanese Shirtings No. 5025, 44 ins. 45 yards.

Ex. S. S. "Bombay Mara."

20 bales Japanese Shirtings No. 5025, 44 ins. 48 yards.

MEHTA & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Bombay, 21st Dec., 1918.

SALE BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD & CO.'S SALES.

AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION AGENTS
BOMBAY
No. 16, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.
Tel. No. 521.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES, OCCUPIED BY MESSRS. STEPHENS AND CO., VETERINARY SURGEONS, OPPOSITE THE ALLBLESS BAUG, AT CHARNI ROAD, GIRGAON.

Under instructions from Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., Solicitors for the parties concerned, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction (unless the properties are previously disposed of by private sale), on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1919, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), the following landed properties on the premises:—

DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTIES.

FIRSTLY.—All that piece or parcel of leasehold land situate at Churney Road in Girgaon, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, with the messuages and buildings standing thereon, admeasuring 1,788 1/3 square yards, be the same little more or less and bounded on the East by the Oart of Panjrapole Charity, on the West by the public passage, on the North by the Oart of Mahomed Hoosein Toongaker and on the South by the moiety of the Oart of Gopinath Damaji and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 267, New No. 1842, Old Survey No. 137 and New Survey No. 8042, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under No. 1175 and Street No. 1, which said premises are held under an Indenture of Lease bearing date the 8th day of December, 1864, and made between Bhikhaji Nusserwanji and Hormusji Bhicaji of the one part and Babaji Naranji and Bajoobai, his wife, of the other part for a term of 99 years from the 8th day of December, 1864, (renewable in perpetuity) at the monthly rent of Rs. 45.

SECONDLY.—All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Churney Road in Girgaon, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, together with the buildings and messuages standing thereon, containing by admeasurement 187 square yards, be the same little more or less and included in the New Revenue Survey of 1869 and 1870 under No. 8041 and bounded on the North partly by the property of Soondrabai, wife of Janardhun Wassoodew and partly by the property thirdly hereinafter described on the South by the property firstly hereinbefore described, on the West by the property of Awabai and on the East by the property of the said Soondrabai.

THIRDLY.—All that piece or parcel of land situated on the south side of Churney Road aforesaid, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, together with the messuages and buildings standing thereon, containing by admeasurement 194 square yards, be the same little more or less registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 46 and included in the New Survey of 1869 and 1870 under No. 8,040 and bounded on the North by Churney Road, on the South by the property secondly hereinbefore described, on the West by the property of Awabai and on the East by the property of Soondrabai.

FOURTHLY:—All that piece or parcel of lease-hold land, admeasuring 5,147 square yards or thereabouts (forming a portion of a larger plot of land known as Girgaon "Gowady") and situate at Girgaon in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay and bounded on the East by the property of the Bombay Panjrapole Institution on the West partly by the property of Edulji Framji Dhondee partly by the property of Ramnath Dadaji and partly by the property of Raghunathdas Gopaldas and known as Mr. Stephens stables on the North by the property of Shreefabibi, wife of Mahomed Esmail and on the south by the property of Nowroji Cowasji Darukhanawalla, standing in the books of the Municipality under Wards Nos. 145 (1 2) and 146 (1 A.) and Street Nos. 12 and 12 A and 13 A. assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 8050 and Pension Tax Nos. 58-152 which said premises are held under an Indenture of lease bearing date the 29th day of July 1880 and made between Nowroji and Maneckjal Atmaram., the then Secretaries of an Institution in Bombay known as the Panjrapole Institution of the one part and William Stephens and Frank Stephens of the other part for a term of 50 years from 1st day of January 1890 (with an option of renewal for another 50 years) at the monthly rent of Rs. 250.

For further particulars and printed conditions of sale, and private offers apply to Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co., Solicitors for the Vendor at their Office at No. 123, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF 500 WOODEN CASKS OF SAKURA CEMENT.

Under instructions from the office concerned and on account and risk of the defaulting purchaser, Noormahomed Dossa of Vadgadi, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December, 1918, at 3 p.m (S.T.) at Shed No. D. 12, 13, Prince's Dock.

500 Wooden Casks each weighing 380 lbs. nett, Sakura Cement, lying in Shed No D 12, 13 imported per S.S. "Burma-Maru" and "Inaho-Maru."

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of Sale.

WEEKLY SALE ON MONDAY, THE 23RD INSTANT.

Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1918, at 2-30 p.m., (S.T.) at their Auction Rooms, at No. 16, Apollo Street, Fort, the household furniture and sundry articles Furniture such as drawing room suites, mirror door almyrahs, dressing and writing tables teakwood chairs, fancy teapoys, cupboards, etc

One 8 days' speaking clock.

By order of the officer commanding, Base Postal Depot, Bombay:—

Articles of unclaimed parcels such as tins of salt, milk, coffe, tobacco cigarettes, shaving sticks, shirts, breeches, etc

By order of the office concerned and on account and risk of the defaulting purchaser Messrs. TAHERMOY and FIDAHUSAIN of Bhoosari Moholla:—

24 cases each containing 200 lbs. copper wire, size, 14 to 22.

By order of the Indo-British Tobacco Co., of Bandra and on account and risk of the defaulting purchasers Aspandiar Ardesir of Null Bazar:—

4½ cases "spoon" Brand Cigarettes, 2,25,000 in all.

By order of B. N. Lang, Esq., Official Assignee of Bombay and the Asignee of the estate and effects of the undermentioned Insolvents:—

(1) Re:—Ramchand Gulabchand:—

Nulls, Manissoks, Alpacca, flannels, check, Domask, voiles, chinty, Muslin, lace etc.

(2) Re:—Bhat Motilal Prabhashanker traded in wholesale and retail white piecegoods at Lakhmidas Khimji Cloth Market:—

B. K. O. 12.—12 bales white longcloth and also a big lot of white longcloth, mulls, nainsooks, etc.

(3) Re:—Buddally Hirji Khoja:—

6 gold bangles and 1 gold ring at 2.30 p.m. (S.T.)

1 Rubber-tyred Sigram.

1 "Bay" horse.

The property of a Hindu gentleman:—

1 pair handsome Sindhi Silver Gray Colour Mares going in harness.

Bombay, Dec. 21.

AUCTION SALE OF THE INSALMENT'S RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST IN 2 PIECES OF LAND AT KHETWADY AND SANDHURST ROAD, TOGETHER WITH THE CINEMA THEATRE THEREON BUILT INCOMPLETE.

Under instructions from B. N. Lang, Esq., the Official Assignee of Bombay and the Assignee of the estate and effects of Monilal Gordhandas, Insolvent, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by public auction on TUESDAY, the 21st day of January, 1919 at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), on the premises the following prices of land together with the Cinema Theatre thereon built incomplete.

PARTICULARS OF PROPERTY:—ALL those two pieces of land situate at Khetwady and Sandhurst Road, one of which is land belonging to the City of Bombay Improvement Trust admeasuring 900 sq. yds. or thereabout and known as plot No. 82, Sandhurst Road West of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust and which land has been agreed to be taken from the city of Bombay Improvement Trust by Seth Badrudin Ahmedji for a period of 999 years and the other of which is land absolutely belonging to the said Badrudin Ahmedji himself, admeasuring 2497 sq. yds. or thereabouts. The properties are assessed under "D" ward Nos. 1708, 1712 and 1729 and Street Nos. 39 and 1 to 5 and bounded on the north by Sandhurst Road, on the West by Khetwady 2nd Lane, on the south by Khetwady Main Road and on the east by Khetwady 1st Lane.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Mulla and Mulla, Solicitors at their office at Esplanade Road, Fort or to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 21st Dec., 1918.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.
No. 52, Medows Street, Fort.

NOTICE.

Auction sale of 245 bales yarn advertised for sale on FRIDAY, the 20th instant by order of Sheth Vithaldas Bhawanidas will be held THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 1 p.m. (S.T.).

SALE TO-DAY AT 1 P.M. (S.T.).

AUCTION SALE OF 245 BALES YARN.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st December, 1918, at 1 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. GANDHI and Co. Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, at Tambakanta, Pydhowni, at the shop of Sheth Vithaldas Bhawanidas, by his order and on account and at the risk of Messrs. N. M. Rayaloo Iyer Nagasamy Iyer and Co.:—

157 bales yarn No 20s Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Sons, Ltd's Mills, Oil Seller Ticket, Flower Tie, each 400 lbs.

88 bales yarn No. 20s. Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Sons, Ltd's Mills, Africa Ticket, Flower Tie, each 400 lbs.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

GANDHI & CO.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 21st Dec., 1918.

B. MANEKLAL & CO.

AUCTIONEERS.
Medows Street, Fort.
Telephone No. 3297.

TO-DAY AT 2-30 P.M. (S. T.).

SPECIAL AUCTION SALE OF JEWELLERY LOOSE AND IN HANDSOME ORNAMENTS

TO-DAY, SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), B. MANEKLAL and Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, situated in Medows Street, under the instructions of the concerned, very rich and artistic ready-made ornaments set with real diamonds, brilliants emeralds and rubbies, consisting of rings, necklace, braceiets, kudas, etc., also one lot of pearls loose and in bunches, and some pieces ready-made maias, collars, nose rings, etc.

B. MANEKLAL & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 21st December, 1918.

BOMBAY AUCTION COMPANY.

23, Churchgate Street.

BONA-FIDE AUCTION SALE OF MOTOR CARS.

SALE ON MONDAY, THE 23RD INSTANT. AT 3 P.M. (S. T.).

The BOMBAY AUCTION COMPANY will sell by Public Auction at Girgaon, near Gaiwadi (opposite Kanda Vadi), by order of Messrs. Watcha Brothers and on account and risk of concerned (defaulting purchaser and others) Motor Cars as follows:—

4 cylinder Overland Car.
4 cylinder Martin Car.
4 cylinder Durkopp Car.
4 cylinder Minerva Car.
6 cylinder Buick Car.
4 cylinder Orleans Landaulette Car.
4 cylinder Maxwell Landaulette Car.
2 cylinder De Dion Car.
4 cylinder Ford Car.
1 cylinder Wolseley Car.
1 cylinder De Dion Car.
2 cylinder Adams Car.

Above Motor Cars are all lately overhauled and all newly painted and in running order.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance will have to be paid and Cars taken delivery of within 8 days from the date of sale.

Property on view from 18th December, 1918.

Catalogue published.

BOMBAY AUCTION COMPANY.
Auctioneers.

Bombay, 20th December, 1918.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE END DRAWING NEAR.

THE INEVITABLE FATE OF THE GOLDEN GANGS

IN THE 16th INSTALMENT
OF THE
"Exploits of Elaine"
AND THE 6TH OF THE
"Mystery OF THE Double Cross"

From Saturday 21st December

Full of Thrills, Terrors and Sensations.

Please do not miss this Grand Opportunity

Saturday and Sunday Prize Matinees at 3-30 and 5-15 and Nightly at 7; 8-45 and 10-30; and Wednesday being Public Holiday Special Prize Matinee at 5-15 (S.T.)

NEW ALHAMBRA
CINEMA
NEW SANDHURST ROAD.
TELEPHONE No. 2417.

AMUSEMENTS.

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL

AND

GREEN'S RESTAURANT

Programme for Xmas & New Year's Eve

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL

By kind permission of His Excellency, the Naval Commander-in-Chief's Band, under the Direction of Mr. W. Parker, will play at the Taj Mahal Hotel on Xmas Day, the 25th instant during and after dinner. A dance will be held from 9-30 to 12 p.m. under the Direction of "Taj" Orchestra.

The Special NEW YEAR'S DINNER will be served at the "Taj" on New Year's Eve, when a Dance will be held from 9-30 to 12 p.m. under the Direction of the "Taj" Orchestra.

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A-la-Carte meals will be supplied on the ground floor as usual.

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COMMERCIAL.

CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

OPENING TONE AND PRICES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, Dec. 16th

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES :—

New Contractors.

Months.	To-day's price.
Dec.	20 17
Jan.	18 91
Feb.	18 00
Mar.	17 29
Apl.	15.27

Prices taken at 10-10 a.m., nearest actual values

BOMBAY MARKETS.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

Dec. 20.

Although some fluctuations have occurred in the local market during the past week, the tone has been decidedly better and the tendency upward. Last Friday fully Good Broach April-May closed at Rs. 674. The highest price on Saturday was Rs. 680, and on Monday Rs. 669. Tuesday was a holiday and the rate fluctuated between Rs. 641 and Rs. 656. On Wednesday the top price was Rs. 619 and yesterday it advanced to Rs. 645, closing at Rs. 626. The opening quotation this morning was Rs. 633 and the price advanced to Rs. 645. Closing rate is given below.

Sentiment in our market has completely changed. Depression and bearishness have given place to a belief in higher prices and buoyancy. We anticipated this some time ago, and stated our own belief in a reaction and a return of confidence, when the market was unduly depressed. Many of those who sold at low prices have rushed to cover during the past week, and at times there have been more buyers than sellers. A fair business has been done in Broach and Bengals, the latter both for December-January, and March delivery. The difference between Broach April-May and Bengal December-January has narrowed further and is now about Rs. 115 but may again widen. In Comras little business has been done. Though we may still see fluctuations we do not anticipate any permanent decline, and look for higher values as the season progresses. We still believe that cotton on its merits is a purchase in all easy markets.

Home cables continue to be greatly delayed and this gives rise to various rumour in the bazar, which subsequent messages prove to have been quite unfounded.

Ready cotton has shared in the general improvement. There has been a good demand for New, not by local mills, and also by exporters, but Japanese houses, who we understand are free buyers in the up-country markets, have bought a little locally. Holders have regained confidence and are firmer in their ideas of prices.

QUOTATIONS 5-30 P. M.

				Rs.
Fully Good Broach	..	..	April-May	648
Fully Good Bengal	..	..	Dec.-Jan.	529
The Comras	..	..	..	588

COTTON CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

QUOTATIONS, 20TH DEC. 1918.

			Rs
Fully Good M. G. Broach	..	April-May	64
Fully Good M. G. Bengal	..	Dec.-Jan.	5:5
Fine M. Broach	..	..	58
Fully Good M. G. Comras Nominal	..	..	547

COTTON CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

Ready quotations	Super fine.	Fine.	F. G	Good.	Delivery.
M. G. Bengal ..	548	533	518	508	Ready.
M. G. Sind-Punjab	541	526	511	501	,,
M. G. Khamgaon Berar ..	602	595	585	570	,,
M. G. Khandesh ..	577	565	550	535	,,

RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

Receipts of various growths of Cotton at Bombay compared with the corresponding periods in the previous season :—

Growths.	For week ending 14th December 1918	Total to date since September 1st. 1918.	1917.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Khandesh	6 758	21 474	60 188
Central India	1,668	6 418	7 814
Berars and Nuggar ..	2 115	10 263	11.2 4
Hyderabad Gaorani ..	1 9 4	4,311	5,558
Berar	12 175	51.5 9	75 51
Central Provinces ..	7,.52	3 311	1> 281
Total Comras..	32 .26	127.032	178 .01
Dholleras	570	15 740	15.7 0
Broach	N	6 8	1 505
Ompta and Dharwar ..	646	18 942	37 9 1
Western-Northerns ..	355	31 912	32 7 0
Tinnevelly & Cambodia ..	2 4 5	4 ,879	5 .365
Benzals { N.W. Provinces	4 97s	1,9.2	3 449
{ Rajputana	501	1,9.2	3 449
Sind, Punjab	16 127	69 737	1. 0 7
Coconada	N	2 5 9	7 316
Pegusan	49	1 789	9
Tinnevelly & Cambodia ..	2 4 5	35 832	8,403
American	Nil	Nil	2
Egyptian	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other sorts	Nil	8 213	6,9.9
Total ..	53 417	305 559	3 0 325

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

The following are to-day's closing rates as issued by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce

Bombay, Dec. 20th—5-30 p.m.

Ready	Bazar Terms. Rs. as. p.	Rail Delivery Rs. as. p.
Wheat White Delhi 70-85 ..	74 0 0	11 4 0
,, ,, Cawnpore 70-30 ..	75 0 0	11 2 6
,, ,, Karachi Bazar	75 0 0	11 2 6
Rapeseed, Brown Delhi	11 0 0	11 8 0
,, ,, Cawnpore ..	11 0 0	11 8 0
,, Yellow Cawnpore ..	12 0 0	12 8 0
Linseed Brown Bold	13 2 0	13 10 0
,, ,, Thin	12 12 0	13 4 0
Teelseed White 85-15	100 0 0	.....
,, ,, Gaja 75-25	95 0 0	.....
,, ,, Gajar 50-50	90 0 0	.....
,, ,, Black	9 0 0 0	.....
Poppyseed White	15 12 0	16 4 0
Groundnut	91 0 0	..
Mowrassed	7 4 0	..
Barley	44 0 0	7 4 0
Castorseed	84 0 0	12 12 0
Forwards	Rs. as. p.	
Wheat April-May.	9 6 9	
Linseed May	14 8 3	

BOMBAY & CHINA YARN MARKET.

Bombay, Dec. 20th.

	Rate per 1-lb. Rs. as. p.
Davids No. 16	1 1 0
Shapurji No 16	1 0 0
Shapley No 16	0 15 6
Cowasjees No 12's	1 0 12
Light Houses No. 64	0 13 6

BOMBAY EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec 20th.

	Market Rates.
Bank Telegraphs	1 5 15/16
Bank Demand	1 6 1
90 Acceptance 3 m/s	1 6 0/1
Yes Demand	155/8
American Dollars	279/16
Hongkong ,, ...	225
Shanghai	346
Japan	147
Singapore	1-7/8

Market Steady.

MONEY AND SHARE MARKET.

BULLION.

Bar Gold has been steady to firm with more business passing.

Bar Gold Rs. 28-12-0.

EXCHANGE.

Conditions in this market remain unchanged.

T. T. on London 1/5 31/32.
D. D. on London 1/6 1 16.
Credit 3 Mos/a 1/6 13/32.
D. D. France Fr. 194.
Credit 3 Mos/a Fr. 202.
T. T. on Japan Rs. 147.
60 D/s/t Japan Rs. 143.
D. D. on Hongkong Rs. 223½.
D. D. on Shanghai Rs. 349.
D. D. on Singapore Rs. 247.
D. D. on New York Rs. 279½.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the nominal rates :—
5 per cent. War Loan 1929-47 93.
5½ per cent. War Bonds due 1920-22 99.
4 per cent. Conversion Loan 83.
4 per cent. Terminable Loan 95.
3½ per cent. Paper 75.
4½ per cent. Port Trust Long dated due 1926 89.
4 per cent. Port Trust Long dated 85.
4 per cent. Municipal Long dated 84.
4 per cent. Municipal Short dated 90.
4 per cent. City Improvement Trust Long dated 83.
5 per cent. Municipal Tansa 93.
5 per cent. Municipal Sanitary 92½.

The following are the Bank Rates :—
Bank of Bombay 6 per cent.
Bank of Bengal 6 per cent.
Bank of Madras 7 per cent.

SHARES.

As foreshadowed in our last report, the week has been marked by more animated and heartening conditions in the share bazaar, and although the market was closed for two days, a pretty large turn-over, has been effected, especially in mill shares, with gradually stiffening prices.

The solid improvement both in the demand and price of yarn and cloth discernable during the last three weeks has at last begun to assert itself and the feeling of uncertainty which permeated the bazaar a little while ago has debinitely given way to one of confidence and hopefulness.

Business has been confined mainly to a few prominent scrips, especially Bombay Unites, Fazulbhoys, Madhowjis, and Nagpores, which record an appreciable rise on last rates.

The market closed steady, and even if we may not go much higher, the maintenance of the present level of prices is confidently looked forward to.

FINANCE.

Money continues steady chiefly on account of the end of the year. The Bank rates are unchanged.

The following are the closing rates of the Bombay Stock Exchange :—

Swadeshi 1,950, Swan 535, Shahpurji 117-8, Pearls 520, New Greats 292-8, Madjowji 1,939, Luxmi Cotton 1,520 Kohinoor 1,177-8, Currimbhoy 335, Kastoorchand 1,100, Ind. Bleaching 162-8, Finlay 432-8, Fazulbhoy 680, David 687-8, Crescent 210, Colaba 1,520 Century 285, Nagpur 2,185, By. Cotton 565, By. Unitees 945, By. Dyeing 1,330, Bundi 26-8, Katni Ord. 252-8, Katni Defd. 1,300, Tata New Defd. 870, D., Tata Old Defd. 1,000, Tata ord. 295, Shivrajpur 35, Alcocks 790, By. Burma 766, By. Tramway 452-8, By. Steam 315, Tata Hydro. 1,150.

The following are the closing rates of the New Stock Exchange :—

Swadeshi 1,949, Swan 535, Shahpurji 115 Pearls 515, New Greats 295, Madhowji 1,947-8, Luxmi Cotton 1,500, Kohinoor 1,175, Currimbhoy 337-8, Kastoorchand 1,030, Ind. Bleaching 162-8, Finlay 427-8, Fazulbhoy 675, David 6'0, Crescent 20218, Colaba 1,500, Century 340, Nagpur 2,180, By. Cotton 760, By. Dyeing 1,290, Bundi 26, Katni ord. 259-8, Katni Defd. 1,250, Tata New Defd. 880, Tata Old Defd. 982-8, Tata ord. 296-4, Shivrajpur 35, Alcocks 790, By. Burma 770, By. Tramway 462-8, By Steam 315, Tata Hydro. 1,145.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

Jute mill shares did not attract much attention and beyond the usual speculative business in a amarratty which ruled slightly easier, there was an absence of business which proved very discouraging. Coal shares equally neglected buyers figuring shy of these securities. The Industrial section ruled steady but here again there was not much trade done. The following were the closing quotations :—

Coal :—Burrakur 47-12, Churula 21, Gopalichuck 14-4, Jumoni 14-8, Pandereswar 12 4, Phulitant 14-4, Sudamdih 12-4

Jute :—Empire (O. d.), 504, Fort Gloster (O-d.), 603, Howrah (Ord.)), 31, Howrah (Pref.), 115, Howrah "A" (Pref.), 114, Kamarhatty (Ord.), 536 and 545 s.d. Kankinarrah (Ord.), 467, Kelvin (Ord.) 666 s. l., Lawrence (Ord.), 465, Orient 24 premium, Northbrook (Ord.), 484, Reliance (Ord.), 32, Waverley (Ord.), 10.

Tea.—Dhunseri 1-4 premium.

Miscellaneous :—Assam Saw Mills 25, Anglo-Oriental Navigation 33-8, British Burma Petroleum 8-8, Crawford and Co. 11, Indian Tanneries, 18, Nagpur Clay, 10-12, Steel Products 14-4, Port Shipping, 97-8, Reliance Fire Brick and Pottery 26-12, Tata Bank 0 8-8 premium.

Government paper three and a half per cent. was quoted at Rs. 74-8 to 74-12 and small lots were done at Rs. 75 to Rs. 75-4.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGES.

England	..	..	5 per cent	Apr. 5 1917
France	..	..	5 per cent	Aug 20, 1914
Germany	..	..	5 per cent	Dec. 23, 1915
Russia	..	..	6 per cent	July 18 1918
Italy	..	..	5 per cent	Nov. 11 1918
Netherlands	..	..	4½ per cent	July 1 1911
Belgium	..	..	5 per cent	Aug 20, 1914
Austria-Hungary	..	..	5 per cent	Apl 10 1911
Sweden	..	..	4½ per cent	Jan 31 1918
Spain	..	..	4½ per cent	Oct 25 1917
India { Bombay	..	..	6 per cent	Nov. 7, 1918
India { Bengal (Calcutta)	..	..	5 per cent	Nov. 7 1918
India { Madras	..	..	7 per cent	Nov. 11, 1918

PIECE GOODS.

The Cloth Market has been irregular during the past week. Rupee rates had advanced during the earlier part of the week owing to fair demand, but on Wednesday a reaction took place due to profit taking and some pressure to sell, and a quiet tone prevailed. Later on prices of some styles advanced on some inquiry and a better feeling has been in evidence. The rapid rise in values had evidently checked the bona-fide demand. The congestion at the railway goods yard has also deterred buyers from making fresh purchases at the moment. Deliveries of old contracts have been very slow. In spite of the awards given by the Board of Arbitration dealing with White Goods, some dealers have shewn their inability to pay for and take delivery of the goods and have requested the sellers to cancel the transactions by taking partial losses. Such amicable settlements have been arrived at amongst the dealers, the buyers having had to pay from Rs. 500 to Rs. 700 per package for having the contracts cancelled. In view of such a state of the market fresh transactions are now made for ready goods on the terms of immediate delivery and payment, without the six days of grace as sellers do not want to take any risks, specially when sales are made at prices which show heavy losses. Some merchants are of the opinion that a fair improvement in the market may be expected in Feb or any next, as by that time the goods in weaker hands will have passed on to stronger ones and greater confidence will have been restored.

The Manchester Market has been steady but the demand for cloth and yarn has been poor. Several lots have fallen late, which have been cancelled by the buyers, with a feeling of relief and a cheerful face, as current rates are about forty per cent. lower than the prices at which these purchases were made. Grey Jacconets No. 18 had been bought at Rs. 16 and the current rate here is Rs. 8 8, so one can imagine the heavy loss the buyers will have to bear on the goods that will be shipped in due time.

GREYS.

In Grey Shirtings values of most of the styles have improved by a rupee per piece, especially the 40 End Shirtings. Dewhurst's Shirtings have remained steady. 33 inches Manchester Shirtings worth about Rs. 7 per piece have been out of stock. Prices of Grey Jacconets and Mulls have fluctuated within narrow limits. Drills have remained firm and steady.

Japanese Shirtings have been in better inquiry and values have gone up by eight to twelve annas per piece in well-known cloths. Many contracts for forward delivery have been cancelled by the dealers by paying a penalty of over fifteen per cent to the manufacturers, who have found a market for these goods in China.

Local Grey Shertings have been selling at Rs. 1-2-0 per lb. and Shirtings at Rs. 1.12 and the tone has been steady.

WHITES.

In White Goods prices have fluctuated according to the prevailing sentiments, the net result being an advance of eight annas per piece in 58 inches by 20 yards Red End Mulls and of six annas per piece in narrow width Nainsoos No. 1900. In Gold End Mulls of 39 inches by 20 yards, however the price has receded by six annas per piece, as this style has been neglected. Some reduction in the rates has also been possible on 27 inches by 18 yards of a well-known English firm, have been quoted in Manchester at 12 shillings per piece over go F. B. H., whereas the current rate ruling here is about Rs. 4.8 0 less 4 per cent. discount.

The quotations for the leading shops of Greys and Whites are as under :—

	Ins.	Yds.		Rs. a. p.
Grey Shirting—				
"Gold" Patt No 2100 ..	39	37½/8	..	15 8 0
,, 100000	48	37½/8	..	---
Fleming's No 1900 ..	48	40	..	---
Jaster' No 12435 ..	41	37½/8	..	---
Dewhurst's Rupee" No.5	39	39½	..	17 0 0
"R.B.H." ..	39	39½	..	23 8 0
Greys Jaconets—				
Gallie's No 18 ..	48	25	..	8 8 0
Grey Drills—				
Pepperell's "Dragon" ..	39	40	..	20 8 0
Gallie's Mystic No. 425 ..	29	38	..	10 0 0
Greys Shirtings—				
Leopman's No 1616 ..	32	40	..	27 0 0
W. B. T. C. 40000 ..	36	40	..	34 0 0
White Nainsoons—				
Gallie's Nos 7070/8000 ..	27	16	..	3 14 0
,, No. 1900 ..	27	15	..	3 11 0
,, No 5949/7 B ..	28	15	..	7 0 0
Graham's Nos.88/5869 ..	29	15	..	4 12 0
,, 50000 ..	36	10	..	8 4 0
Greaves' No. 88007 F. ..	29	12	..	---
Ritchie's 8500/4510 ..	---	---	..	---
,, ,, 8501 ..	---	28	15	3 10 0
White Mulls—				
Gallie's No 6 ..	41	18	..	---
,, 90 ..	40	19	..	---
,, 869 ..	44	19	..	13 0 0
,, 5002 ..	58	19	..	14 0 0
,, 88 ..	60	36	..	9 0 0
,, 818 ..	38	20	..	7 12 0
Ritchie's No. 975 ..	56	16	..	---
,, 975 ..	50	18	..	8 0 0
,, 98/99 ..	60	19	..	7 12 0
Greaves' No. 8000 ..	27	16	..	3 12 0
Graham's No 850 ..	40	18	..	3 7 0
	36	36	..	8 0 0

JAPANESE GOODS.

The following are the prices ruling in the bazaar of well-known Japanese Cloths :—

	Ins.	Yds.		Rs. a. p.
GREY SHIRTINGS—				
No 60000 ..	44	36	..	18 0 0
No. 500 ..	---	---	..	20 0 0
No. 900 ..	---	---	..	16 0 0
No. 800 ..	---	---	..	14 0 0
No. 250 ..	---	---	..	---
Nos. 2300/3500 ..	---	---	..	---
No. 7500 ..	---	---	..	15 0 0
No. 3800 ..	---	---	..	13 8 0
No. 4100 ..	---	---	..	10 0 0
No. 5100 ..	---	---	..	22 0 0
No. 8000 ..	36	36	..	---
No. 600 ..	---	---	..	16 0 0
No. 121 ..	---	36	45	---
No. 105 ..	---	38	36	---
GREY SHEETINGS—				
Dragon ..	---	36	32	14 8 0
"O" Quality ..	---	36	36	14 0 0
Good Deal ..	---	36	36	---
GREY DRILLS—				
Elephant ..	---	29	40	22 8 0

STOCKS OF PIECE-GOODS AND YARNS.

The list issued by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce indicates a stock of 51,512 bales and 3,669 cases of cotton piece-goods as on the 30th November last, which shows an increase of 740 bales and 85 cases compared with the figures of the previous month. The stock of Cotton Twist and Yarns on the 30th November last stands at 3 899 packages, which shows an increase of 3 007 packages as compared with the previous month. The actual delivries of cotton piece-goods from the Port Trust and Importers' godowns have been 4,6 0 packages. The imports during November last of cotton piece goods have been 1,0 5 packages and of Cotton Twist and Yarns 9,009 packages.

STOCK OF COTTON PIECE-GOODS IN BOMBAY WAREHOUSES

On the last day of the month	In 1918. Bales	Cases	Totals	In 1917. Bales	Cases	Totals
Jan. ..	3 ,55	9,1e	13,712	21,158	35,734	56,892
Feb. ..	1 ,.74	1 ,39	6 ,74	9,382	34 1.2	99, 44
March ..	43,096	1,645	57,741	,,50	74,50	97,55
April ..	42 .4	18,509	6, 46	19 716	32,4	63 19
May ..	0, 74	1 ,780	8 4	3,047	6,8	9,8 7
June ..	,,9	1 ,.2	1 ,.1	2 ,.8	1 ,.1	3 ,.9
July ..	,712	,, 2	5,38	9,.57	25, 3	34,412
Aug. ..	34 538	9 275	3,813	27,.2	24 499	52 .25
Sept. ..	38 .82	8,964	4,,1 6	24 08	29 09	53,128
Oct. ..	43, .2	9 3-4	5 ,156	31,92	29,4	58 .0
Nov. ..	51 5 2	9,469	60,9.1	0, 17	,49	5 ,20
Dec. ..				29,.4	20,438	49 78

SUGAR MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

We have nothing special to report in our market which ruled steady throughout the week with good demand and prices remain unchanged. The offers taken for Mauritius Crystals have not been accepted by any firm though there is no improvement in our Bazar owing to heavy arrivals from Java and Mauritius. The S.S. "Banka" has arrived from Java with 36,353 Bags and S.S. "Kenkonmaru" from Mauritius with 34 126 Bags of Sugar. Calcutta and Karachi markets are reported firm with no fresh business and it is reported that firms are buying back Sugar in Karachi. Telegrams from Mauritius state that the commission has bought all Crystals for shipment to Europe and we think no more shipments will be made to India.

The following are the Bazar rates and stocks :—

T. M. O., Rs. 18-0-0 to Rs. 18-8-0 equal 24s., F. B. H. stocks 60,000 Bags.

Brown, Rs. 16-8-0 equal 21/4s. F. B. H. stocks 12,000 Bags.

Soft, Rs. 20-0-0 equal 25s. F. B. H. stocks 2,000 Bags.

Mauritius Crystals, Rs. 17-4-0 to 18-6-0 F. B. H. stocks 215,000 Bags.

Mauritius Syrups, Rs. 16-4-0 to 16-12-0. F. B. H. stocks, 17,000 Bags.

MESSRS MONTAGU'S REPORT.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. in their circular dated 31st October, 1918, write :—

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue shows an increase of £482,905 as compared with last week's return.

The first interim report of the Currency Commission, amongst such matter of extreme interest with regard to gold, contains the following paragraphs :—

"(1) While the obligation to pay both Bank of England notes and Currency notes in gold on demand should be maintained, it is not necessary or desirable that there should be any early resumption of the internal circulation of gold coin.

(2) While the import of gold should be free from all restrictions, it is convenient that the Bank of England should have cognizance of all gold exports, and we recommend that the export of gold coin and bullion should be subject to the condition that such coin and bullion has been obtained from the Bank for the purpose. The Bank should be under obligation to supply gold for export in exchange for its notes.

(3) In view of the withdrawal of gold from circulation, we recommend that the gold reserves of the country should be held by one central institution, and that all banks should transfer any gold now held by them to the Bank of England."

A recommendation is put forward that an amount of gold, not less than £150,000,000 in value, should be accumulated as a reserve against the note issue. The amount now held as a reserve by the Bank of England against its note issue is £73,118,790 and a further sum of £28,500,000 is held as a reserve against Treasury Currency Notes making together £101,618,790. In addition to this, there is a substantial amount in the possession of other Joint Stock Banks. Apart from any import from foreign countries that may be indebted to the United Kingdom, the production of gold within the British Empire, which has, in the past, approximated £60,000,000, should render the addition of the balance required to make up £150,000,000 a comparatively easy task.

SILVER.

The market continues to be quiet, and sound in tone.

No fresh movement has taken place in the Shanghai exchange.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lakhs of rupees.)

Notes in Circulation—12,439. October 7; 13,470. October 15; 13,578, October 22.

Reserve in silver coin and bullion (within and without India)—2,797. October 7; 2,852 October 15; 2,925, October 22.

Gold coin and bullion in India—2 635, October 7; 2,637, October 15; 2,637. October 22.

Gold coin and bullion out of India—12, October 7; 12. October 15; 12. October 22.

The stock in Shanghai on the 19th instant consisted of about 26,600,000 ounces in sycee and 11,800,000 dollars, as compared with about 27,700,000 ounces in sycee and 12,100,000 dollars on the 12th instant.

Quotations for bar silver per oz. std. :—

October 2—49 1/2d. cash, no quotation fixed for forward delivery.

October 26—49 1/2d. cash, no quotation fixed for forward delivery.

October 28—49 1/2d. cash, no quotation fixed for forward delivery.

October 29—49 1/2d. cash, no quotation fixed for forward delivery.

October 30—49 1/2d. cash, no quotation fixed for forward delivery.

October 31—49 1/2d. cash, no quotation fixed for forward delivery.

Average—49.5d. cash.

Bank Rate—5 per cent.

Bar Gold per oz. std.—77/9.

The quotation to-day for cash delivery is the same as that fixed a week ago.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. in their circular dated 7th November, 1918, write :—

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue shows an increase of £225,940, as compared with last week's return.

The West African output for September, 1918, amounted to £115,152 as compared with £127,168 in September, 1917, and £120,526 in August, 1918.

A reduction in the output of gold is not confined to British territory alone. The report compiled by the Bureau of the U. S. Mint and the Geological Survey made public on October 1st last gave the production of the United States during the calendar year 1917 as 4,051,440 ounces. The value, $83,750 440 compares with $92 790 300 in the preceding year—a falling off of over 91 per cent. California stands first with 1 012 461 ounces, Alaska second with 709,729 ounces. This district is one of the least prospected, and doubtless will repay more extended efforts to test its mineral wealth.

SILVER.

No change has taken place in the state of the market, though the recent reduction in insurance rates, will doubtless be reflected in the price of silver.

News has been cabled officially from India that the weather outlook is gloomy. It is stated that rain is insufficient everywhere and that famine conditions are expected in the Bombay Presidency. We learn by mail, leaving Bombay on the 18th September last, that a moderate amount of silver in the shape of ornaments was then arriving from up-country for realization owing to the insufficient rainfall. At present the outward course of events does not seem to be shown in the currency returns, where the silver holding from week to week increases but slowly, notwithstanding fresh purchases in America.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lakhs of rupees.)

Notes in Circulation—13 470. October 15; 13,578 October 22; 13 643, October 31.

Reserve in silver coin and bullion (within

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

DECEMBER 20th.

S.S. Dumra—Maudin—Karachi, Dec., 18.
S.S. Kokuka Maru—Wakasaki—Yokohama, Nov 11.

DEPARTURE.

DECEMBER 20 h.

S.S. City of Madrid—McArthur—Calcutta.
S.S. Gadi —Sale —Calcutta.
The following vessels obtain their port clearances yesterday.
S.S. City of Delhi—Ewing—Calicut.
S.S. Qua—Moss o —Rangoon, etc.
The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Steamer *Bahrein for Jeddah.
Steamer *British Emperor for Mahomerah.
*On arrive.

VESSELS IN THE BOMBAY DOCKS.

Friday, 20th December, 1918.

Berth.	Steamer	Tons	Destination	Date	Agents
PRINCES DOCK.					
A	Burra bert	1561	N F	N F	— B & N
B	City of Bel I.	1816	N F	21-1-18.	K N & Co
C & R	C. y of				
	Madrid ..	3125	Calcutta	20-12-18	Graham & Co
D & E	Hardinge	212	P	P	W & Co
F	Loyalty ..	368	N F	N F	R I M
G	Lucia ..	968			Co
H & J	Nagpur ..	5 4	Calcutta	P	D B Khan
K	Sha-Sang ..	1424	Calcutta	21- 2-18	M & Co
L	P ..	8 61			
O	Tan-Hsiang ..	2120	N F	NF	C x Trading Agency
P	St. Gilian ..	240	Rangoon	N F	M & Co
BARRIER WALL.					
	Carroll ..	553	Mauritius	20-12-18	B S N & Co
	Sabarmati ..	522	P	N F	— & Co
	Trevelli ..	553	Karachi	2 -12-18	B & Co
	Oporto ..	440	P	N F	B & S Co
VICTORIA DOCK.					
1	Calcutta ..	4167	Kobe	5-1-19	O S Kaisha
2	Asia Maru ..	2774	Australian Ports	2 -12-18	O S Kaisha
7	Ilissa ..	196	P	N F	R I M
	Hirano ..	1427	P	N F	M & Co
1	Kuala ..				
	Bar No 8..	2312	N F	N F	B & S Agency
15	Tyne Maru ..	220	P Gulf	2.-12-18	B & Co
16	Shunsiu ..	1718	Sea	P	P O S N & Co
ALEXANDRA DOCK.					
2	Silvia ..	4108	N F	N F	M & Co
3	Arcana ..	3 .4	P	N F	M & Co
5	Barjora ..	1 0	Bussah	N F	M & Co
6	Chusan ..	3 .0	N F	N F	R I M
7	Qaeda ..	4 .4	Sea	Sea	— & Co
1	Kuala ..		Straits Ports	22-12-18	M & Co
	Essex ..	2 72	Liverpool	P	— & Co
11	Jason ..	2 8	Lisbon	2-1-19	B & Co
13	Chi-Wo ..	2 .0	Sea	2 -1-19	B & Co
18	Hanyan ..	2 7	Chinese Ports	14 -12-1	R I M
19	Kepong ..	1 2	Bussah	N F	B & S M
15	Pyrrus ..	1 43	N F	N F	R I M
17	Gilbert ..	3 1 9	N F	N F	— & Co
	Jetty Tug gulo	4 4	net	N F	N F — & Co
HARBOUR WALL.					
	Turbo ..	28	Rangoon	2 -1-18	Asiatic Petroleum Co
HUGHES DRY DOCK.					
	Baroda ..	3 2 2	Persian Gulf	21-1-18	M & Co
	Sultan ..	2 19 2	Persian Gulf	21-1-18	R I M

S. S. Nagoya :—The P. and O Company's steamer Nagoya, with the outward Mails of the 4th instant passed Suez at 4 a.m., on Thursday, the 19th instant.

S.S. Dumra :—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Dumra, 702 tons, Captain T. T. Maudon arrived in harbour yester ay from Karachi, where she put in at 15th instant, with mail, passengers and general cargo.

S.S. Kokuka Maru :—The O. S. Kaisha steamer Kokuka Maru, 4,739 tons, Captain N. Wakatake, arrived in harbour yesterday from Yokohama, which port she left on 11th November, with general cargo.

S.S. Gallia :—The steamer Gallia, 355 tons, Captain S. S. Salter, arrived yesterday from the Bombay harbour for Calcutta, with a cargo of salt.

S.S. City of Delhi :—The City Line steamer City of Delhi, 2,925 tons, Captain W. Ewing, will sail to-day from the Bombay harbour for Calcutta with Mail and Passengers.

S.S. Q Maru :—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Quetta, 4,944 tons, Captain W. Moxon, will sail to-day from the Bombay harbour for Rangoon

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

TO-DAY.

Elphinstone College annual Athletic Sports, Oval, 3-30 p.m.

Royal Opera House, Cinema at 6-30 and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, Dec. 22.

Mails for Muscat, Jack, Bandarabbas, Bubai, Bushire, Charbar and Pasni close P. O., 8 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 23.

Municipal Standing Committee meeting Corporation office 1 p.m (B T.).

AMUSEMENTS.

Royal Opera House: at 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: Gaiety Theatre, 6-30 and 10-0 p.m
Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Opera Co., 9-30 and Cinema at 6-30.
Empire Cinema: at 4-30, 6-30, 8-15 and 10 p.m.
West End Cinema: 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30 p.m.
Majestic Cinema: 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30.
New Alhambra Cinema: 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30 p.m.
New Alexandra: 7-15, 9-0 and 10-45 p.m.
Precious Cinema: 7-0, 8-45 and 10-30.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOMBAY.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep H.M.
Punjab Mail	19 0	11
Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpore)	16 40	20
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	7 15	13
Madras Mail	8 40	21 10
Poona Mail	11 30	14 45
Poona Express	19 40	7 55

B. B. & C. I RAILWAY.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M
Northern Express	13 35	16
Gujarat Mail	8 25	20 45
Kathiawar Express	7 56	21

BAND AT BANDRA.

The Imperial Band will play the following programme of music at the Bandra Lands End to-morrow, commencing at 5-45 p.m. (S. T.), under the direction of Mr. P. O. Freitas, Bandmaster.

BAND AT WILLINGDON SPORTS CLUB.

By kind permission of his Excellency Admiral Gaunt, Naval Commander-in-Chief, the Naval Band will play at the Club on Sunday at 5-30 p.m.; Thursday at 6 p.m., (after the races), and Sunday 5-30 p.m.

BAND AT BOMBAY RACES.

By kind permission of the Officers the Band of the 1/17th B. B. and C. I. Ry. Battn.; (I.D.F.) will play a programme of music under the direction of Mr. W. S. Walcott at Bombay Races to-day from 2 p.m. (S.T.).

BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer and Officers of the 1st F. S. Gn. Bn. South Staffordshire Regt., their Band will play a programme of Music at the Victoria Gardens, commencing at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.) this evening.

BAND AT BOMBAY GYMKHANA

The Band of the 1/13th G. I. P. Railway, Bn. (I. D. F.), will play at the Bombay Gymkhana this evening commencing at 6 p.m.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ.

Mr. B. B. Korgamkar will conduct the weekly Divine Service in the local Prarthana Mandir to-morrow, at 5-30 p.m.

MR PATEL'S BILL.

Under the auspices of this settlement Mr. K. M. Bodas, will explain Mr. "Patel's Bill" in the hall of the settlement to-morrow, at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.).

STUDENTS' SOCIAL UNION, DADAR.

An Elocution competition for members as well as for students, residing at Dadar, will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. (S.T.), at Antonio Da Silva School.

ARYAN EXCELSIOR LEAGUE.

Rev. N. V. Talak of Satara will deliver a public lecture to-day, at 5 p.m., at Girgaum Gujerati Boys' School, opposite Prarthana Samaj.

TELUGU BALIJA KOTTEJAK SAMAJ.

A condolence meeting of the members of this Samaj, in honor of the late Mr. Golajee Krappa Kudtal, will be held to-morrow, at 10 a.m. (S. T.), at "Telugu Hall."

DAIWADNYA BRAHMIN VOLUNTEER CORPS.

The first annual general meeting of the Corps will be held in Hira Bag to-morrow, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), when Prof. V. N. Hate will preside.

MARATHA HIGH SCHOOL.

The Maratha High School annual social gathering will be held to-morrow at the Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, at 2 p.m., (S.T.) under the presidency of Mr. D. G. Padhye.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day, at the Bombay Presidency Association Rooms at 3 p.m. (S. T.).

POSTAL NOTICE.

Wednesday, the 25th December and Wednesday, the 1st January, 1919, being Christmas Day and New Year Day, respectively, will be observed as a Post Office Holidays. All Post offices in Bombay will observe on those days the same working hours as on Sundays.

POSTAL NOTICE.

The following are the latest hours of posting of unregistered articles of the letter mail for the principal mails at the Bombay General Post Office:—Punjab Mail (G. I. P. Railway, 9-30 a.m.; Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur), 12-0 Noon; Punjab Mail (B. B. and C. I. Railway), 2-15 p.m.; Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpore), 6-0 p.m.; Gujarat Mail, 6-30 p.m.; Madras Mail, 6-30 p.m.

The street letter boxes will be cleared at 5-30 p.m. for the Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpore), the Gujrat Mail and the Madras Mail.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

FORECAST.

There will be many scratchings in the second division of the Byculla Plate. If

FINANCIER

starts he will win otherwise one of Mr. Goculdass' SELECTION, second INNOCENCE, third LAST CHANCE.

For the 1st division of the Byculla Plate we like

RESIDENT

for win, KHUNDIL for place and MECHANIC third. ATA ALLAH is a fluke.

PENNY PIE

will run well in the Chester Plate. We prefer him to RUEFUL as the distance is too short for the latter. FOOTMAN, if well, is a sure place and BIRTHDAY CLOTHES third. KIM is a fluke in this race.

For the Stockton Plate we like

LEMON	1
CARDINGTON	2
ARLES	3

For the December Plate

CESSET

—in spite of her failure last Tuesday—is again faced by many, GLASEBURY will run well and WONPPLETE third.

The last run is reported to have improved

CESSATION

immensely. He will win the 1st division of the Elphinston Plate, RESOLD second and ANGEER, third. Watch ALL JOY he is very reliable over a long distance.

For the second division of the Elphinstone Plate.

MERRILY

will be hard to beat. DEVILDOM a certain place and RAGE will like the distance.

BOMBAY AMUSEMENTS.

THE EMPIRE.

The management of the Excelsior and Empire Theatres take the greatest pleasure in announcing that they have secured a Cinema copy of the landing of the giant "Handley-Page Aeroplane" in Calcutta after its flight from Egypt. Bombay will, therefore, be able to see if not the actual termination of this remarkable journey, the first flight from England to India, will have an opportunity of seeing the film taken of the event which will be shown next Monday at both the Excelsior and Empire Theatres. The film is 400 feet long and has been taken by a Calcutta firm and the reports from that city say that it is a splendid pictorial representation of this historic event.

"Baby" Mario Osborne, the charming little Pathe star, is more captivating than ever in "Dolly Does Her Bit", a timely story with a Red Cross sidelight, which will be shown at the Empire Theatre to-night.

"Baby" Marie is ideally suited for the role of "Dolly", which she plays in this attractive and youthful drama. Her supporting cast is in thorough harmony with the little star and the result achieved are exceptionally good from every standpoint.

The story deals with the adventures of Dolly and a mechanical doll, which is to be auctioned at a Red Cross benefit. The doll comes to grief, through no fault of Dolly's, who decides to take its place to keep the Red Cross from losing through the doll tragedy Her subsequent adventures are delightfully startling.

The picture is full of childish ingenuity, thrills, comedy, with an undercurrent of sterling patriotism which gives it an added appeal.

IMPERIAL.

The fifth episode of "The House of Hate" to be shown to-night at the Imperial, introduces a new vein of interest for it develops that Haynes and Ezra Waldon are in favour of accepting munitions contracts from a representative of the German Government. Pearl needless to say, opposes this and insists along with Harvey Gresham that the contract be made with the French Government. The action further indicates that Gresham is in the employ of the United States. The sixth episode opens with a prolonged fight between Pearl, aided by Gresham and the Hooded Terror. Further suspicion is planted on both Ezra and Haynes Waldon as possible interpreters of this mysterious role. The climax of the episode arrives when the French officer and Gresham repair to a distant and secluded spot to test a new type of Grenade gun turned out at the Walcon factory, With Pearl dashing to the rescue, and Gresham helpless in the crumbling structure the episode closes. Toto the new Comedian provides the fun in this week's programme, which also includes the latest Pathe Gazette and a delightful travel film representing Wales—in Pathe-color.

CINEMA PRECIOUS.

In the matter of Serials the name of Pathe Freres is a sufficient guarantee for efficiency and excellence. The Cinema Precious are screening the really interesting Detective Mystery Serial "The Red Circle" of "The Mark of Mystery" and they are meeting with an adequate response these last two weeks from the public. To-day the Serial enters in it's third week and Miss Ruth Roland, the well-known Star, gives very good piece of work as a Smart Society Lady, bestowed with wealth and beauty, but inflicted, unknown to her fashionable circle, with the family curse of criminality—"The Mark of Mystery." Like all other Pathe Serials this Photo-play, too never flags for a moment in interest and not a yard of the Film can truly be called dull.

WEST END CINEMA.

The West-End Cinema are repeating the delightful story "Judex," which proved so eminently popular and successful some six months ago. The patronage which this Picture-House has been consistently getting at present testifies to the fact that the enthusiasm of the Cinema-going people for the Mystical Man of Love Hate, Revenge and Justice, has not abated to any appreciable degree. The Photo-play is indeed a supreme achievement of Filmwork by the celebrated Gaumont Company, and as the West-End Cinema have arranged to work the serial off in three weeks only, the interest of the plot gets enormously sustained. This is the third and the last week—the week of peaceful happy ending of all troubles.

NEW ALEXANDRA.

A strong programme has been prepared for the Christmas week by the New Alexandra. The chief attraction is "The Spiral of Death," a sensational drama in five acts, combining an interesting plot with many thrilling acrobatic feats. Among the many exciting scenes in this drama is one in which a party of rope-dancers is seen performing from the steeple of a church. Another scene shows a perilous climb down into an abyss by means of a rope, the performer being only a child of twelve. There are thrills enough and to spare in this exceptional production, and it is one which will certainly be enjoyed by all in this festive season.

CITY'S MORTALITY.

NO INCREASE ON THURSDAY.

Total Mortality on Thursday	.. 258
Total Mortality on Wednesday	.. 258
Deaths from cholera on Thursday	.. 80
Deaths from cholera on Wednesday	.. 83

The number of deaths from all diseases on Thursday was the same as on the preceding day, and the mortality from cholera was a little less than on Wednesday. There were however more fresh attacks of this disease, the number of these on Thursday being 99 as compared to 89 on Wednesday. The total mortality on the corresponding day of last year was 94, so that the number of deaths on Thursday shows an increase of no less than 164 over the normal mortality.

The mortality in the different wards of the city on Thursday was as follows:

Fort Ward	16
Mandvi Ward	23
Bhuleshwar Ward	30
Girgaum Ward	23
Byculla Ward	61
Parel Ward	41
Mahim Ward	43
Harbour and Docks	1
Hospitals	20

CHOLERA N BOMBAY.

BULLETIN ISSUED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The following bulletin has been issued by the Health Department of the Bombay Municipality:—

There are between two to three lakhs of people in Bombay City more than we enumerated in the Census of 1911 and four lakhs more than we have house accommodation, water or drainage disposal for. More are daily coming in from famine-stricken districts, unhealthy, weak and suffering. Their habits are primitive, they live anywhere they can; unused to the city life, they do not know how to procure the necessaries of existence which are dear. Cholera is prevalent in the surrounding districts and famine diseases will also follow.

THE PROBLEM OF CHOLERA.

Here in Bombay, plague is a negligible quantity; small-pox, when it comes, attacks the unvaccinated, and both of these diseases can be controlled by the knowledge of the disease irrespective of the habits and social condition of the people. We know what prevents small-pox; we know what causes plague and there is something tangible. We know that the rat flea conveys infection from rat to rat and from rat to man. By killing rats, disinfecting their haunts and killing the fleas, we have reduced plague to *nil* in Bombay.

Small-pox can be brought under similar control by vaccination and isolation. But in cholera we have to deal with the people, their social conditions, habits and life. We know how to recognise the cholera vibrio which is present in the stools of cases of cholera. We know that it can be conveyed by person to person, from urine or fæces of infected person or by infecting milk, food, water, clothing, hands, etc., and thus conveyed to the intestines. But to control cholera, when introduced, is a very difficult problem unless the people help themselves.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF CHOLERA.

During the past twenty years in Bombay, epidemics of cholera have occurred, and by dint of hard work and precautions and measures taken, they have been modified.

What then should be done to prevent cholera being introduced, and if introduced how to control it?

As a rule, cholera attacks only those whose sanitary surroundings and conditions are of the most primitive type.

Cholera however respects no one when once it is introduced, a person being a "carrier", or using the same latrine as an infected person may infect his own or other persons' food, milk or water, and flies may convey the disease from infected premises. But cholera respects personal cleanliness and sanitary measures and disinfection of premises.

THE CHOLERA VIBRIO.

Given an outbreak of cholera, whether imported or indigenous, any sample of water, from which a pure culture of the Coma Vibrio is obtained, is sufficient evidence for active preventive measures.

The Cholera Vibrio, after it leaves the human body, undergoes such rapid modifications, in water, milk, food, soil, or even in the soiled clothes and discharges of the suffering person, as to render it almost unrecognisable.

The micro-organism, fortunately for the human race, is very faintly resident to external influences; and it is for this reason, that when an outbreak occurs, prompt sanitary measures can control it.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Bombay water supply is examined chemically and bacteriologically daily. Samples of water are also examined from the taps which supply houses where cholera occurs. Up-to-now, no cholera Vibrio has been detected in the water supply.

HOW CHOLERA IS SPREAD.

The filthy privy baskets over-flowing into open drains and thus soaking into sub-soil or storm-water drains, the position of the water service pipes and the common washing places are a constant danger at any time, but, in the presence of Cholera, must contribute to a large extent to the circumstances favouring the spread of the disease. The common washing place and privy are adjacent; crowds of men and women can be seen struggling for water, washing their clothes, utensils and bodies at the same stand-pipes.

On visiting a person suffering from the disease, he or she will be seen surrounded with relatives and friends handling the patient. Many will be found occupying the same room, sleeping on the floor; they will use the same privy and washing place, and utensils, eat from the same vessels; the water is stored in wooden, iron, earthenware, or other vessel, in the living room, cook-room or nahani, for days together. The friends and relatives will wash the dead body and take it to the burial ground or burning ghat and afterwards wash in the nearest tank or bathing place, without any disinfectant precautions.

Any one familiar with the homes of the poor can easily understand how Cholera is thus spread.

A person convalescent from the disease, or suffering from it in a mild unrecognised form, is a danger to the community as a "carrier."

Such a case, unknowingly, may convey the infection to nahanis, privies, washing and drinking vessels, or the food supply or even a public water-supply, and thus start an outbreak in the neighbourhood.

Bombay City is a very small unit of the Indian Empire or even of the Bombay Presidency, but it is the haven of refuge for the destitute, as well as the prosperous, in times of famine and sickness in the neighbouring districts, and thus pays the penalty of the position.

EPIDEMIC IN 1912.

During the outbreak of Cholera in 1912, the following conditions were noticed:—

(1) To provide water for the people large earthen vessels were placed in the street.

They were filled with water by Bhistis from tanks, standpipes and wells.

(2) During certain hours of the day and night the Municipal water-supply was shut off, owing to the scarcity of supply and Bhistis were providing it to the houses.

(3) Stand pipes in the City were used as bathing places and for washing clothes and utensils.

(4) Bhistis filled their mushaks at these stand-pipes immediately before, after, or if possible, at the time people were washing their bodies and clothes.

(5) The large Reservoir at Pydhoni, adjoining the Police Station, was a favourite place for this purpose, and although there is a notice pointing out that these stand-pipes are not meant for washing bodies and clothes, and although it adjoins the Police Station, dozens of people are to be seen daily fighting for water and washing their clothes.

Bhistis when they cannot get a supply of water from stand-pipes, get the water from tanks, wells, at Mosques and other places and carry the water to private houses, where it is stored in various kinds of receptacles.

HOW TO AVOID IT.

The chief danger to health of the working classes in Bombay is the filthy privy and the inadequate bathing accommodation and the overcrowding. If we lecture from now till doomsday, we cannot improve their mode of life, while these conditions exist.

Cholera is spread by the discharges from infected persons; unless the discharges are immediately carried away by properly constructed drains and not allowed to remain on the premises, they may infect the occupants.

Persons using a common latrine must disinfect their hands.

The same utensil should not be used for the latrine and for drinking

Clothes from infected persons must not be washed at the common bathing places. They must be boiled.

No water for drinking should be kept in open vessels in the room.

Every vessel should be cleaned with boiling water daily and not with mud and ashes

The microbe conveying the disease cannot be seen by the naked eye but it may stick to the hands and clothes unless killed with disinfectants.

Boil all water and milk.

Disinfect the privies.

Send for medical aid at once to the Municipal Dispensary.

Send the case to Arthur Road Hospital.

Ask for disinfectants.

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MUSLIM STUDENTS CONFERENCE.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—To-morrow begins the first sessions of the Muslim students Conference at 6 p.m. at the Anjuman Islam Hall, Hornby Road, It is a Conference of the Mussalman students of the whole of the Bombay Presidency to give vent to their educational grievances, and to ask for redress from the proper authorities. It has nothing whatsoever to do with politics. All the students are earnestly requested to attend it and thereby to make it a success. We sincerely hope that all the Mahomedan leaders will attend it and will help the students to solve their difficulties, Any non-Mahomedan desirous of attending will also be admitted at a nominal fee of Re. 1 per head.

The Hon. Mr. R. P. Pranjpye is the President and Mr. A. M. Kajiji is the Chairman of the Reception Committee.

On Sunday 22nd at 6 p.m. Mr. Kajiji will give an at home at the Anjuman Islam, Hornby Road.

All delegates and visitors are hereby cordially invited to this at home.—Yours, etc.

FAZAL I. RAHIMTULLA.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

ALL INDIA WEATHER.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Dec. 20.

Western disturbance has given nearly general snow in Kashmir, a few falls of snow or rain in North West Frontier Provinces and Baluchistan. The weather has been dry elsewhere except for a few falls in south Madras and South Burma.

The chief amounts are:—Sonamarg one inch, Sripagar, Robat and Tirnivelly a half.

Forecast:—Increase of rain in north-west of Baluchistan and North West Frontier Province.

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GENERAL EDUCATION INSTITUTE, DADAR, (SHAHPUR BRANCH.)

The prize distribution ceremony took place on Sunday last, under the presidentship of Mr. M. Gregor, Collector of Thana, Principal Kolhatkar, read the report from which it appears that the branch has really supplied a great want and has become useful in giving cheap education to the poorer classes of Shahpur. It is greatly helped by the Godbole family. Mr. Chintamanrao has promised to erect a building for the school in memory of his father.

RANGOON RICE MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

RANGOON, Dec. 19.

The rice market was not much affected by the opening of the Calcutta market. The prices to-day were December Rs. 347-8, January Rs. 330, three months Rs. 325. Paddy is steady but the evidence of a large quantity of old crop rice and paddy still hangs over the market as a depressing influence. Speculators hope the success will have to dispose of it even at a loss to make room for the new crop which is less wholesome and travels with more risk of damage than the old crop.

BOMBAY POST OFFICE SECTION.

Bombay, Dec. 20th.

		Total up-to-date.
War Bonds	Rs. 86,975-0..	Rs. 24,53,650-0
Cash Certificates	„ 9,385-8..	„ 7,38,381-4
Total Rs.	96,360-8..	Rs. 31,92,031-4

THE SHERIFF'S FAIR.

RECOLLECTIONS PLEASANT AND UNPLEASANT.

(BY M. K. AZAD.)

This is purely a personal account of what I saw and heard after my arrival in the morning of that eventful day at the garden in front of the Town Hall. I was unable to be present at the historic interview between Mr. Jinnah and the Commissioner of Police owing to a professional call which was not unconnected with the hooliganism imported into the public life of Bombay by those who stood unmasked at 6 o'clock that evening. As far as possible I shall refrain from any comment and give my account in as succinct a manner as I can. I reached the garden in front of the Town Hall at 10 minutes after nine and entered it when I saw Mr. Jinnah and other members of the Committee standing in small groups looking towards the Town Hall. After a few minutes Mr. Shankarlal Banker came up to me and asked me to accompany him. At first I hesitated and said that as a citizen my place in the queue (which by that time had already assumed considerable proportions) was at the end. My guide and friend Mr Shankarlal explained that the Commissioner of Police had agreed to allow only the members of the Anti-Requisitionists, Committee to exchange places with such of our men as were in the queue at the front. We were nine of us when we made our way across the road where, in the centre, stood the Commissioner of Police who counted our number and called out to our men to sacrifice their places. A dozen fellows stepped out of the queue and the Commissioner of Police sent nine across the road to the other side into the crowd behind the cordon that was formed by the policemen. At the head of the queue were Mr. Jinnah, Mr Horniman, and Mr. Jamnadas, the two indefatigable Secretaries. Messrs. Sobani and Banker and the rest, making altogether a total of seventeen

First through the doors.

After a few minutes, when I think the time was approaching 10, a small gate in the fence was opened, and we were asked to go in. The first batch of fifty to climb the stairs contained the band of sixteen,—their names I may mention here:—Mr. Jinnah, Mr Horniman, Dr. Bahadurji, Mr. Jamnadas, Mr. Telang, Mr. Syud Hossein, Mr. Umar Sobani, Mr. Banker, Mr. Vaikunth Desai, and Mr. Kanji Dwarkadas, myself and others

As soon as we went up, on the stairs stood some stewards, Eurasian youths, whose orders were to collect sticks from all who went in. I had a stick with a silver mount which a Mr. Tracks seized. I obtained his name before I parted with my stick. To-day I am left wondering whether Mr. Tracks and my stick have parted company or not, because 10 minutes after 6 when I came out from the front stairs I could neither see my stick nor Mr. Tracks, though I made a good search for them both. Minus my stick, I entered the Hall and felt some relief that I was not in possession of a "dangerous weapon," any longer. On the landing at the top of the steps to my right, while we were walking in, I saw Suleman Cassum Mitha talking with the Hon. Mr. Sheriff Dewji Kanji. However, we entered the Hall by the only door that was open. In front of me were Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Horniman. After entering the Hall we found that the auditorium was divided into four blocks, two of which were between the rows of pillars and one in the east wing and the other in the west wing. The two blocks in the centre were divided by a narrow gangway leading up to the platform. From the platform forward were three rows of settees in each of the blocks. Behind these settees were rows of chairs up to the Elphinstone statue. We took our seats in the first row of chairs in the eastern block, Dr. Bahadurji in the first seat. Mr. Jinnah, Mr. Horniman, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Mr. Sobani, Mr. Syud Hossein, myself, Mr. Shankarlal, Mr. Vaikunth Desai, and Mr. Telang followed. In front of us between the three rows of settees there were a dozen Parsi stewards. I was not at all surprised at the choice of stewards, as the men who were responsible for the organisation of this meeting had employed other men of a more disreputable character. There was no such band of stewards on the other side of the gangway. We resigned ourselves to our fate and with seven hours staring in the face before this meeting that never met we began relating to each other our experiences of "first nights," etc. The platform was altogether unoccupied except for a few English stewards who sat in the first row. On the centre block[illegible]ked "reserved." There mu[illegible]n 250 chairs marked thus[illegible], that is, in the wings th[illegible]d "reserved for speaker[illegible]s between them must [illegible] Such of us who have n[illegible] who remember the gr[illegible] quisitionists to limit [illegible] not to allow more t[illegible] side, must have [illegible] sight of these ch[illegible] orgy of cratory.

A gratuitous ass[illegible]

About 11-30 [illegible] a black coat wa[illegible] a Parsi steward [illegible] was not more t[illegible] and half the [illegible] but he had the [illegible] was speaking to [illegible] was pointing ou[illegible] him. The Pa[illegible] saying, "Yes,[illegible] slaps. Do w[illegible]

[illegible] had nothing to do with that, but I would thank him if he gave me his name. This he refused to do. The next moment I saw Mr. Mody in the gangway and went up to him with the Hindu gentleman behind me, and asked him to get me the name of the man that the Hindu gentleman would point out.

Mr. Mody:—Yes, yes, what do you want the name for? Can't you tell me that?

Myself:—He has assaulted this Hindu gentleman, and moreover he had the audacity to tell Mr. Talang and myself that he had done so and we could do what we liked

Hindu gentleman:—He gave me two slaps on my face. I have witnesses.

Mr. Mody:—But you see Azad, what is the use of my speaking to him? If I ask him for his name and he refuses to give it, then what can I do?

And H. P. Mody, Esq., Bar-at-Law, Provisional Secretary of the Requisitionists Committee disappeared. I spoke to Mr. Jinnah about this matter. Mr. Jinnah thought that he could perhaps get the name of this Parsi steward himself, but his efforts were also fruitless. His reply to Mr. Jinnah was "I don't condescend to give you my name. If any Tom, Dick or Harry asks me my name, I am not obliged to give it." Time dragged on slowly; to the left we could see that the wing was being gradually occupied by Goanese cooks and butlers and Mahomedan roughs; the right wing was the territory of Saleshhoy Currimji Barodawala. Unregenerate, bearded Bohris embellished that part of the Hall. At 12-30 Mr. Jinnah asked Mr. Mody if any one of us could go out and come back. Mr. Mody said he could not guarantee that the doors would be re-opened. Mr. Jinnah pointed out to Mr. Mody that the Hall was almost full, the platform was the only place that was left, but still the Mahomedan roughs were being allowed to come in and go out as they liked. Mr. Mody said he was going to give strict orders not to allow any one to come in, except those who were entitled to sit on the platform, or ladies for whom the settees were reserved.

Guardians of Order.

A few minutes after this there was some excitement in the block on the other side of the gangway and for a couple of minutes chairs were being thrown about. During this disturbance we had left our seats and come into the gangway, which for the duration of the disturbance seemed to have been wholly deserted by the guardians of peace and order, who were found preserving peace and enforcing order on the unoccupied platform. When order was restored, the credit of which must be given to Messrs. Horniman and Jamnadas, we went to our seats and found them all occupied. Mr. Telang had contrived to get his old seat back, but all the others had to occupy the settees in front. The first two settees were occupied by Messrs. Jinnah, Horniman, Jamnadas and Umar Sobani. The two settees immediately behind were occupied by Mr. Banker and myself, Mr. Subedar and Mr. Vaikunth Desai. A little after one Mr. Mody came and asked Mr. Jinnah to vacate these seats, as they were reserved for ladies. I interposed and pointed out that out of the 400 chairs on the platform, if they gave us 15 chairs we would accommodate 25 of our party there. Mr. Jinnah told Mr. Mody that there were at least 100 chairs reserved for speakers, could he give us some as we were also going to speak. Mr. Mody said, he could not give us those chairs, and since that morning "all sorts of posers and conundrums were being put to him," which he could not answer. I could read indignation at that moment in Mr. Jinnah's eyes, but his will was so strong, that it disappeared at once. Mr. Jinnah told Mr. Mody that he refused to leave the seats but if any lady came he would be the first to offer his seat to her; and he was as good as his word when the solitary lady (a Hindu) came and sat there for a little while, but was persuaded to leave the Hall.

The procession of Biryani-eaters went on apace. The door made use of for this purpose was to our left at the end of the passage between the platform and the settees. From where we were seated we could see that the door opened only for Bohras and Mawallees when they knocked from the outside.

A Significant Incident.

At 1-30 a.m., incident occurred, the memory of which will remain with me for many days to come. Dr. Pavri, the well-known cricketer, was talking to Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Horniman. At this time Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Horniman were sitting on the 2nd settee of the first row. I mention this, because we used frequently to change the seats among ourselves to drive away the monotony of the hours. Messrs. Jinnah and Horniman stood looking towards the east and facing Dr. Pavri, whose back was towards the main steps. I was at that moment talking to a friend just behind, so I could see the door by which we had entered in, which was at a distance of 50 feet. A well-known timber merchant accompanied by a youth of his community (whom I know) and followed by a Pathan with two Medals on his breast (whom I also know) entered the Hall and began moving across the auditorium along the passage at the back of the seats. They then turned into the passage between the pillars and the seats of the eastern wing and came right up to the point where this passage meets—the passage in which Mr. Jinnah and the others stood. Behind Mr. Jinnah there were 8 to 10 people, some stewards and some spectators. This timber merchant, the young man and the Pathan came into the passage near the platform and stopped about 10 feet from Messrs. Jinnah and Horniman, talked among themselves for not more than two minutes, while they were all the time looking at Messrs. Jinnah and Horniman. The next moment they walked back as solemnly as they had come by the same route. Immediately on seeing this I told my friend Mr. Sobani what had happened and asked him to convey this to some responsible and reliable man on the Requisitionists' side. Mr. Sobani mentioned this matter to Mr. Mehta, the Deputy Sheriff, who can be trusted to confirm this.

Mr. Jinnah's Determination.

I think it was about this time or perhaps a little later, that, when some of us who turned round to look at what was happening behind, we first discovered Mrs. Jinnah standing in the balcony above the Library. I should say there must have been a spontaneous recognition of the brave spirit shown by this lady. With what feelings of pride her husband must have surveyed the situation one can easily guess. On some of us asking Mr. Jinnah as to whether he could not persuade Mrs. Jinnah to stay at home, Mr. Jinnah gave us the history of her determination to be present at the meeting. He told us that she was present at the meeting of the Anti-requisitionists held at "that breeding place of politics," Shantaram's Chawl on the evening of the tenth and when Mr. Horniman put the question to the audiance if they were going to the Town Hall, Mrs. Jinnah was one of those who answered "aye." So there she was at the Town Hall.

After a little while a Goanese band was accommodated in this very balcony and strains of divine (!) music began to flow from their instruments. Then there we were in the midst of a Sheriff's fair. Some cynic even remarked that the music was there to drown the shouts of "shame" that might become too frequent and unpleasant.

The Strategic Reserve.

From now to the time that the Sheriff appeared on the platform nothing which need be noted happened except two incidents. The first was about 4 o'clock when a large gang of illiterate Mahomedans came into the Hall by the doors of the eastern side escorted by one of Suleman Cassum Mitha's lieutenants when Mr. Horniman went to the platform and Mr. Jamnadas actually ascended it—the only time when he was on the platform—and emphatically protested against the method which even the self-respect of Requisitionists should not tolerate. But nothing came out of the protest for the Bhindy Bazar gentry continued coming in to see the *tamasha*. The second incident was when two members of the Police Court Bar Messrs. Baloobhai Desai and Nariman came into the Hall *en parole* and told us how they were treated outside. They interviewed Messrs. Mody and Cawasji Jehangir and they were told by both of them that they, that is Messrs. Mody and Cawasji, had given no instructions to the Police to prevent any one from coming in.

The platform now began to get animated and no doubt the leading citizens of Bombay were figuring on it. One could contemplate the cruel irony of the situation when one saw ensconced in roomy chairs men who were not fit to clean the boots of Mr. Jinnah. The rest of the proceedings have become by now a familiar story with one little exception that is, that, after the Sheriff had done the reading the requisition and the names attached to it, Mr. Horniman was the first man on his legs. I feel that Sir Dinshaw Wacha himself will bear this out.

COTTON AND TOBACCO CULTIVATION IN SIND.

ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY SEVERE COLD.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

KARACHI, Dec. 20.

Severe cold during the past two or three days is said to have adversely affected cotton and tobacco cultivation in Sind.

The freight market liner space has been allotted for oilseeds, hides and wool, all government and priority cargo and also for small quantities of non-priority cargo. The latter allotments have afforded the greatest relief to shippers of skins.

CONFERENCE OF SANITARY EXPERTS.

A PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Dec. 19.

Speaking at the Conference of Sanitary and Bacteriological Experts at Delhi, today, Surgeon-General Edwards dwelt upon the necessity for expanding public health and research work and suggested that there should be a department for each co-ordinated with one another by a Public Health Board. He also emphasised the objection to divorcing preventive from clinical research.

ALL-INDIA MEDICAL CONFERENCE,

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Dec. 20.

The All-India Medical Conference will meet at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, on the morning of 26th December. Sir Dr. T. K. Sen is the Chairman of the Reception Committee and Drs. I. T. Mitra and B. Dyal secretaries. They invite all medical men to attend as delegates and regret owing to short notice personal invitation and detailed instructions were not possible.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following names appear in the casualty lists Nos. 605 and 605, Indian Expeditionary Forces.

Killed:—Warwickshire Regiment:—Lieut R. F. Bowen, previously reported missing.

Died of Disease.—Indian Army:—Colonel H. G. Melville. Second-Lieut. F. H. Austin.

General List:—W. M. Turner.

SIR J. MESTON WITH INDIAN MERCHANTS.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX MUST GO.

DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO BE NATIONAL GOVT.

A Committee meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber and Bureau was held on Wednesday last, at 4-30 p.m., to meet the Hon. Sir James Meston, the Finance Minister to the Government of India. The Hon. Mr. C. V. Mehta, the President of the Chamber in the course of his speech, said:

The topic which at present engrosses the attention of the commercial circle both European and Indian is the Excess Profits Tax. There is a consensus of opinion expressed all over the country that owing to the war conditions the Bill should be dropped. In his speech in September, 1918, Sir William Meyer assumed that the war would continue until the 31st March 1920 and that the year 1920-21 would be a year of gradual demobilization. Not only that but it was feared that this country itself was in danger of invasion, but in less than two months the strength of the enemy powers collapsed and the Allied arms came out of this stupendous struggle thoroughly victorious. My Committee requested your Department to supply them with information regarding the revised figures of charge proposed to be paid from the Indian Revenue during the current official year under Sir William Meyer's resolution. These figures, however, are not yet available. It is still perfectly clear that not only have we been spared more than a year and a quarter of the war, but that the Army expenses, as estimated by Sir William Meyer, will be on a much smaller scale and that proportionately small will be the demobilization expenses. It also appears that the feeling in England is that the enemy countries should be made to pay sufficient indemnities and it is likely that this country will come in for its proportionate shares. It is also doubtful whether the tax is likely to bring in any considerable amount of money and commercial opinion is unanimous that for doubtful benefit it is not worth while to cripple the industries and to further disturb a market which is already in a bad state. Not only have the war conditions changed but the agricultural and commercial conditions in this country are in an extremely bad state at present and we are threatened with a commercial and financial crisis. My committee would, therefore, venture to suggest that the Government would be pleased to drop their proposal. An early announcement to that effect will relieve the trade and industries of the country of much of their present anxiety and help in restoring that calmness and equilibrium which are so necessary for taking advantage of the opportunities which, we expect, will be forthcoming as a result of the Peace Conference, the proposed reforms and the report of the Industrial Commission.

IMPORTANT AMENDMTNTS.

The Excess Profits Bill is but just published and my Committee will have to go into all the clauses before they will be able to give their opinion on all the details if at all the Government decides that the Bill should be proceeded with. But we take this opportunity of pointing out some of the important amendments needed to work the Bill in a fair and equitable manner. In the first place my Committee think that just as in England the tax-payer had the option of choosing any two of the three previous years or in special cases four out of the six previous years to arrive at the standard profits, so in the proposed Bill it should be provided that the tax-payer should get the option to choose any three out of the four years mentioned in the Bill. Secondly, in clause six sub-clause 1 of the Bill provision should be made as in the English Act that if it is shown to the satisfaction of the Collector that the said average profit is less than the percentage standard, the standard profit shall be taken to be the percentage standard. Thirdly, it should be clearly provided as in the English Act that if the company or the firm did not exist for all four years but worked for one, two or three as the case may be it should be allowed the option either of accepting 10 per cent. on the capital as provided in the Bill or to take the actual profit for the year of its actual work. Fourthly, we think that the Bill as worded does not contemplate taking account of the income received from investments. This point should be made clear as in the English Act which runs as follows:—

"In estimating the profits no account shall be taken of income received from investments excepting the case of life assurance business and business where the principal business consists of the making of investments."

Fifthly, when the Excess Profits Tax is levied on companies and firms they should cease to be liable to pay Super Tax. In England no Super Tax is levied on companies and firms they should cease to be liable to pay Super Tax. In England no Super Tax is levied on undistributed profits of companies. Sixthly, just as in the case of Income Tax the Excess profits of the also, although collected on the profits of the previous years should be made adjustable when actually profits of the current year are ascertained, otherwise it will entail a great hardship on the tax payer to pay such a heavy tax in the year of small profit or heavy loss.

INDIAN COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION AT PEACE CONFERENCE.

My Committee submitted some days ago a telegraphic representation to his Excellency the Viceroy praying that the Government would be pleased to nominate a commercial representation for the coming meetings of the War Cabinet and the Peace Conference. When giving a hearty send-off to you and your colleagues on your departure for England to assist his Majesty's Secretary of State for India at the Imperial War Conference, my predecessor at the time, the Hon. Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas, pointed out that we wanted Indian trade and commerce to be directly represented at the Peace Conference, for unless a man in direct and intimate touch with Indian trade conditions was present at the Conference he could not render useful assistance when large questions affecting trade interests of this country were being considered. He also pointed out that what we wanted was that the Government of India should be given complete fiscal autonomy so that it might adopt measures which it thought best in the interests of the country. While welcoming the nomination of the Hon. Sir S. P. Sinha and the Maharaja of Bikaner as representatives of British India and the Indian States my Committee must point out that it is essential that there must be a representative to safeguard the large and varied interests of Indian trade and industries and represent India's claim for fiscal autonomy which is an important factor in her commercial and industrial expansion which both the Government and the people have so much at heart. I have no doubt that both Sir S. P. Sinha and the Maharaja of Bikaner will welcome the co-operation of the commercial representative. May we hope, Sir, that you will move the Government as early as possible to grant this request as we feel that it is not yet too late to send a commercial representative to the Peace Conference.

THE FAMINE.

It is not necessary for my Committee to draw your attention to the disastrous famine which has already overtaken this land and which from all portents threatens to be a most terrible visitation. Governments, both Imperial and Provincial, will naturally put into operation relief measures for the alleviation of sufferings both of human beings and cattle. As usually happens the famine stricken people drift into large cities. Opportunity might be taken by local bodies for pushing on works of public utility. It is well-known however, that municipal and local bodies have little funds at their command owing to the stringency of the money market and the restrictions on borrowing during the war. They therefore require assistance from Government in the shape of loans and otherwise. With such assistance they will be able to serve their local needs as well as to supply famine stricken people with work.

PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF PEARLS.

I should like to draw your attention to the continued prohibition on the export of pearls. Bombay is the chief centre for the distribution of pearls and large stocks of these are usually held here. The importance of the pearl trade was recognised by Government by the removal of the Import Duty which it was proposed to levy. Now that the war is over the two reasons adduced by Sir William Meyer regarding the restriction on the export of this commodity no longer hold good. Those reasons where the necessity of restricting exports other than war exports and interference with a trade relating to a matter of luxury in the interests of the financial of war products. My Committee hope that, now that the situation has changed this prohibition will be removed. Exchange considerations also are now favourable. The above applies though in a smaller degree to Roubles.

I should like to refer to one small point in connection with the investment of the Paper Currency Reserve. Indian public opinion would be gratified if the discretion of the Government of India in respect of the additional fourteen crores fiduciary issue of notes is exercised for holding rupee paper in this country rather than gold securities in the United Kingdom. This will give a much needed fillip to the Indian Government securities and will satisfy Indian sentiment.

With these words I thank you for your visit which will, I trust, be the first of several such visits.

SIR JAMES' REPLY.

The Hon. Sir James Meston in reply while thanking the Chamber welcomed such opportunities to learn commercial opinion. He wished that his visit were under more auspicious circumstances. The question at present was whether this was or was not the proper time for the imposition of the excess profits duty. He recognised the opposition to the Bill but said that the responsibility for this measure was not his. His Departent would shortly be in a position to furnish the information desired by the Committee. He asked the Committee if they had any alternative to suggest in place of the Excess Profit Tax.

In reply to this the Chairman remarked that the Committee had not considered this point but that a loan might perhaps serve this purpose.

He found among the different points raised by the Committee reasonable and promised to give them his consideration, if the Bill was proceeded with. With regard to representation of the Indian commercial community at the Peace Conference he observed that he would place this suggestion before the Government of India. The Government of India would always endeavour to be a national Government with regard to the development of industries. Regarding financial assistance to local bodies he promised that any assistance required for provincial Governments would be given by him. Regarding the prohibition of export of pearls he said that Government would soon consult the commercial community as to the extent to which Government controle the export of different commodities should be withdrawn. Regarding the suggestion of the Committee that the proposed additional investment in securities should preferably be in Indian Government securities, he remarked that if an equal degree of security could be obtained this course was preferable. After some further discussion the meeting dispersed.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

SHOULD BE RETAINED A COLNOY FOR INDIA.

RESOLUTION OF INDIAN COMMUNITIES AT ZANZIBAR

(From a Correspondent.)

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 11.

A mass meeting of the entire British Indian community at the Zanzibar Protectorate supported by the Indian communities in British East Africa and German East Africa, unanimously resolved that the whole territory, hitherto known as German East Africa, be retained by the British and should under no circumstances be returned to Germany at the conclusion of the peace negotiations, on account of her most unpopular and tyrannical administration thereof, and that it be made an Indian Colony within the British Empire as advised by prominent British statesmen, which form of Government would be the only natural government beneficial to the Empire from all points of view.

BABULNATH TEMPLE THEFT CASE.

ACCUSED GETS TWO YEARS' HARD LABOUR.

Before Mr. G. R. Khairaz, at the Mazagon Police Court, Deputy Inspector Bull charged Aidulla Alladin alias Ramchandra Kashinath with theft of a gold canopy belonging to the Babulnath Temple, valued at Rs. 3,115, the gold weighing about 131 tolas, on the 19th September and also with house-breaking by night. Mr. R. S. Pandit watched the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Nanabhai Rajaram, the managing trustee of the Temple, at whose instance the prosecution was instituted.

It was alleged that on September 18, the temple of Shiva at Babulnath was closed at about 11 p.m. About 4 a.m. the next morning when the temple was opened, the canopy was missing and on the back wall a ropeway was seen hanging. A complaint was made to the police and the accused was arrested on suspicion on November 13 by the Nagpada Police. The accused made a statement and in consequence of that three persons, namely, Gulam Nabi Abdul Rasul, Noor Mahomed Abdul Rasul and Gopaldas Girdharlal were arrested as receivers of the property. It was ascertained from enquiries that Gulam Nabi and Noor Mahomed were given a portion of the property by the accused to be sold and they sold it to one Makhna Rupa, a Marwadi at Mumbadevi. The remaining portion was sold by the accused through Gopaldas Girdharlal to a Marwadi named Jasrup Shivji at Mumbadevi. It was ascertained that after recovering the money the accused went to Ajmer and was arrested on suspicion after his return to Bombay.

The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment, and a fine of Rs. 1,000, in default six months' further rigorous imprisonment.

RECEIVING AND DISPOSING OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

Gulam Nabi and Noor Mahomed were next charged with receiving and disposing of the stolen property. Mr. M. K. Azad appeared for the accused. Both the accused pleaded guilty to the charge. The Magistrate taking into consideration the fact that they had made no profit out of the transaction, sentenced them to one day's simple imprisonment, and a fine of Rs. 350 each.

Gopaldas Girdharlal was then charged and he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

A SALESMAN'S FRAUD.

CARRYING AWAY CYCLOSTYLES STATIONERY ETC.

Before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Deputy Inspector Ferguson charged John Pereira, a salesman at Messrs. Thacker and Company, with the theft of cyclostyles, stationery, etc., collectively valued at Rs. 227, during the past two months.

The evidence showed that a hamal in the Company was seen carrying away a parcel by another hamal who ran after him and asked him what he was taking away. He replied that he was taking away a parcel to a Bania's shop in Gunbow Street, Fort, given to him by Mr. Pereira. The accounts were then examined, but no trace of any sales effected by Mr. Pereira was found. The police were thereupon informed who, on search, found the articles in the Bania's shop. The Bania, on being questioned, said that he was asked by the accused to keep the articles with him as he (the accused) was going to open a stationery-shop and at present did not know where to keep them. They were brought to his shop on different occasions.

The Assistant Manager of Messrs. Thacker and Co. prayed for a conviction but not a severe punishment.

The accused who pleaded guilty was sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 600, or, in default, four months' rigorous imprisonment. The accused paid the fine.

M. Narotam, the receiver was next charged before Mr F. Oliveira, Third Presidency Magistrate and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 400, or two months' rigorous imprisonment in default.

CHINCH BUNDER FIRE.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT RS 2,58,000.

The damage caused by the fire in the two godowns at Chinch Bunder on Thursday, has been estimated at Rs. 2,58,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

CHINESE STEAMER ON FIRE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

RANGOON, Dec. 19.

The Chinese steamer Chiynen which caught fire on Monday night, is still burning and must become a total loss. The explosion of the signalling torpedoes caused a remarkable sight, bright red flames spreading in all direction. All the crew with the exception of the Captain, Chief Officer, and Chief Engineer have left for Shanghai.

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Saturday, 21st December, 1918.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX.*

In the original statement by the Finance Minister, it was suggested that the excess profits tax will fall mostly upon rich individuals and firms and that it will be only the excess profits which will be touched. As a means of getting an unsuspecting public to support the measure this was reallly most ingenuous. But anyone, who cares to consider the exact effects of the very announcement of the excess profit tax so far, will find that it has actually touched not only the big joint stock companies and the more wealthy section of the community but also the small saving anl investing class in the country. Those who had acquired gradual confidence in industrial concerns since the Bank failures in the year 1913 were putting their money in industrial stock without hesitation and in the hope of large dividends. These men have been hit to a very large extent all over the country, whereas the more astute, the nancially stronger and the better informed rich capitalists have unloaded at top prices their holdings of industrials. The class on whom the Finance Minister professes to put the burden has in most cases escaped and quite a different class has been hit. Those who probe still further will discover that the rise of wages, for which enhanced prices had prepared the country, was put off *sine die* by numerous industrial concerns whose only thought after the proposed tax was to economise in every respect possible with a view to make up in the following years. The breakdown of the proposals for increased wages and of the various proposals for new well-paid work in the larger industries means that the burden of the excess profits tax has fallen partly at least upon the labouring population of the country. If the effects of the excess profit tax are closely examined, it will be found further that it is fundamentally wrong except in the most serious moments of national peril.

There are in the community a few individuals of marked enterprise who are constantly projecting new programme for industrial advancement. Any Government that wanted to see indigenous enterprise not unduly penalised would leave this section free from over-taxation which would emasculate them. The Government of India, on the other hand, have, through servile imitation of financial war expedients adopted in London perhaps through pressure from well-known quarters, aimed this supreme blow just at the moment when scores of new projects are under considera tion. They have launched on this disastrous course regardless of the possible effects on Indian enterprises. Any surplus in the hands of entrepreneurs would fructify industry more than any amount of money lying in the Government treasury and wasted by the Government departments or lying fallow in the pockets of the people at large. It is not denied that the rise of prices gave an extraordinary impetus to the manufacturer and led to the concentration of wealth in the hands of small sections in the community through large and unprecedented profits. This is a result which would have put more cheer into the hearts of any national administration anywhere else in the world. In India, prosperous manufacturers and merchants are only regarded as good game by the Finance Department, who would swoop down upon them and kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. All these considerations applied to the proposals before the armistice and the end of the war was in sight but any opposition which was offered at that time was necessarily tempered by one objective, namely, the winning of the war in regard to which the Indian public was absolutely unanimous. But now that the situation has changed, these objections become very real. Now the country is in the throes of a famine in certain provinces and the community as a whole is everywhere experiencing famine conditions on account of the extraordinary rise of prices. With the ending of the war all the staple markets have slumped down. Most of the manufacturers who were making profits, who were holding large stocks, have to write off large amounts which will practically wipe off their reserves. Small individuals and large are equally involved in the economic distress which has overtaken the country and there are ugly rumours in the market every day of impending failures at any moment, which might throw the markets of the country into a panic and produce a financial crisis unprecedented in its magnitude in this country.

Is this the moment when the Government of India instead of devising immediate measures for relieving the distress of the mercantile community should come down upon them by presisting in taxation of excess profits? The wooden and unresponsive character of the Government in other departments appears to be shared as much by the Finance Department in the action which they are now proposing to take. We are not satisfied in regard to the actual need for money or in regard to the amount of such money which would be required. We have not been given the revised estimates after the armistice. All that we feel now is that the proposals for the excess profits tax in the original form must be absolutely dropped. We are confident that increased income from the Railways and from the Customs before the close of the year will put into the hands of the Government of India a large surplus and we would urge that this should be utilised for the purpose of defraying the additional expenses mentioned by Sir William Meyer in September last. The need of further contribution from India was real in September, but in view of the armistice it is a matter again for consideration whether the ultra-legal additional share of the burden should be borne by India at all beyond the point to which it has been already borne. Even, if, in the opinion of the Government of India, there are serious grounds for not departing from the original programme and for bearing the additional cost until the completion of demobilisation, we would suggest as an alternative the expediency of raising a loan of 15 million sterling more or less according to the requirements. According to the original programme of the Government of India, they will have to pay off the Treasurey Bills which constituted a new and temporary expedient. We want a continuance of this for some time and even larger facilities in respect to this should be given in order to secure at the moment the necessary sums until the finances of the country could be over hauled as a whole and could be set up on the new peace basis. Public opinion on this question is very alive and protests are being sent to the Government of India from all parts of the country, from mercantile bodies, and we have no doubt that it would be most difficult for the Government of India to carry through this programme in the next Council meeting. It would be the better part of wisdom for the Government at this stage to reconcile the commercial community to the very hard times through which they are passing and to give them a certain amount of relief by immediately announcing their intention to drop this programme which as a financial expedient, stans distinctly, discredited amongst the public. Sir James Meston can hardly begin his career under worse auspices than if he persists under the advice of financial quacks in this ill-fated legacy left by his unwise predecessor.

*The previous article appeared on December 18th.

SIR REGINALD CRADDOCK AGAIN.

We shall have more to say on a later occasion about "Sir Reginald Craddock's scheme for constitutional reform in Burma." Meanwhile the only comment we deem it necessary to offer on this precious scheme is to reiterate the protest already made throughout the country against the decision of Mr. Montagu and Lord Chelmsford "to set aside the problem of Burma's political evolution for separate and future consideration." That decision was both deplorable and unauthorised. For, Mr. Montagu and Lord Chelmsford were asked by the British Government to formulate a scheme of reforms for the Indian Empire as a whole. Parliament alone has the right to dispose of the destiny of the people of Burma in the way Sir Reginald Craddock has taken upon himself to do. And even Parliament, in these times, cannot exercise that right without honestly consulting the wishes of the people of Burma. At all events no right-minded person can recognise the pretensions of Sir Reginald Craddock in this regard. Shorn of the verbiage in which it is enshrined, the scheme, which he has formulated, is in reality inspired by the self-regarding motive of keeping Burma as the last refuge for "dug-outs" like himself—an inviolable preserve for a bureaucracy alien alike in race, sentiment and tradition. This motive is camouflaged by the gratuitious assumption that "Burma has no desire that the affairs of the Burmans in Burma should come under Indian governed States and similarly has no wish to take part in the control of Indians in India so long as her rights are safeguarded". There is no reason, of course, why Burma should not enjoy the same autonomous powers as any other parts of India. No sane and patriotic Indian wishes otherwise. But no one, who is genuinely concerned for the welfare of the Indian Empire, not excluding Burma, would for a moment entertain the goal of eventual separation of the latter, which Sir Riginald Craddock seeks to impose upon the people of Burma. The motive prompting Sir Reginald is not difficult to explain. He fully realises that so long as Burma's political connection with India is completely maintained, Burma must inevitably—as a result alike of its affinity with India and the force of public opinion—share in the evolutionary progress of India towards complete responsible government with provincial autonomy for its different parts. Such a consummation which will find Burma a free and self-respecting part of an Indian Federation, obscurantists like Sir Reginald Craddock are apparently anxious to prevent. They do not seem to admit or recognise that the people of Burma, as soon as possible, should be enabled to control their own destiny. All the more, therefore, it becomes the duty of British statesmen—who have waged the war for vindicating the rights of all peoples to manage their own affairs—to see that it is done. If to-day Parliament decides to let the people of Burma manage their own affairs unaided and without the "guidance" of a foreign bureaucracy, no Indian will, or would be entitled to, object. But that is far from the object which Sir Reginald Craddock's precious scheme is intended, or is ever likely, to serve. What that scheme, when all is said, in effect amounts to is to entrust the destiny of Burma to the uncontrolled hands of a foreign bureaucracy. The people of India, being more genuinely and disinterestedly concerned for the welfare of Burma—the connection has not been profitable to India in any material sense—than bureaucrats like Sir Reginald should take immediate steps to make necessary representations to the Government of India and the Home Government in the matter. Moreover, the whole notion of isolating Burma from the current of Indian progress is at once inadmissible and objectionable. Burma must take her full part in the constitutional and democratic growth of the Indian Empire.

Notes of the Day.

Boris and Karl.

The last we heard of King Boris, successor to Ferdinand of Bulgaria, was that he was at Vienna and on the way to Switzerland in company with King Karl, who was renouncing his office. Now we have the sensational story that his Majesty King Boris never left Bulgaria, but has been reigning all the time. The news of his panic-stricken flight is more than two months old. The world was left to regard Bul[gar]ia as a kingless country and we were tol[d a] number of stories about the journey of [King] Boris. He is now on the throne, while [he] is reported to have reconciled himse[lf to] the role of a good citizen with the [only] ambition of being voted into the Na[tional] Assembly of his country. Karl neve[r en]joyed his kingship, for he had not [the] leisure to do it. But now he exhib[its a] kind of courage that never suffers h[is] tion, firm in the resolve that he ca[n] his country as a patriot, if not as

Government Servants and Politics.

The "Searchlight" has in its la[st] published an amazing piece of n[ews] Indian Civil Service Association [of] and Orissa has, under the capta[in] the Secretary, Mr. G. Milne, dec[ided] cord its opinion of the Reform Scheme. The reference circular which is published contains several questions of such controversial character, that we are surprised that these Government servants should have ventured on what cannot but be described as nothing short of political propaganda. We invite the attention of our readers to the terms of reference submitted for the opinion of these stipendiary officers. The "Searchlight" has with commendable enterprise brought this agitation to public notice. One wonders whether the Lieut.-Governor who is a member of the Civil Service and who is presumably countenancing it, is being asked to send his view to Secretary Milne. If the "Service" pretends that it has a right to make a joint representation on the Reform Scheme or its effects, it is arrogating to itself a function which it is for the Government of India sternly to check. It is the fate of the bureaucracy which, in the ultimate analysis, is involved, and for them to utilise all the influence of their despotic position, for blighting the prospect of reform is scandalous to a degree.

Unnecessary Self-Sacrifice.

The fourth question in the circular is distinctly for the intimidation of the Secretary of State and the Viceroy who have signed the scheme. We believe it is presumptuous bluff for the Civil Service to agitate about "retiring on a pension" on account of the "irksomeness" of the changed conditions contemplated in the scheme. A general strike, they imagine, is a most dreadful threat, and possibly they hope that a declaration about it will serve to postpone the day of their constitutional subordination. The members of the Civil Service are shrewd enough not to imperil their own existence on any account, and it is futile bluff on their part to talk of "retiring on a pension". When Mrs. Besant and her two colleagues were released from internment the "Madras Mail" prophesied the dire calamity that Lord Pentland's Government would promptly resign. The Civilian members knew better, however, and, while strenuous in the maintenance of their own prestige, they were wise enough to abstain from unnecessary self-sacrifice.

Sheer Bluff.

The whole Mr. Milne's circular is, however, full of the assumption that the Civilians are masters and not servants. Nor can their presumption, if the Government tolerate it, end with themselves. Every association of Government servants from that of the most subordinate services can agitate, on the example of the august service, and demand recognition of their threats. It is the duty of the Government of India to intervene and see that their servants keep to the execution of the duties entrusted to them, and abstain from an agitation in which they have no business to enter. Mr. Milne deserves censure for his circular and we hope the Government will have the nerve to administer it. We would like some non-official member of the Imperial Legislative Council to ascertain if there is an All-India movement of the "heaven-born" gentry on foot.

Rumours and Rumours.

More than a week ago, the Delhi correspondent of the "Searchlight" said that there were strong rumours that Sir Sankaran Nair would resign shortly after the New Year. It was a well-informed communication which was thoroughly descriptive of the arduous work of the Indian member and the adverse surroundings in which he was placed. The whispers among the English Civilians at the Capital are apparently many, some of them being comments on his brusque and aggressive ways. The correspondent of the "Searchlight" observes that the next despatch of the Government of India on the Reform Scheme—including, of course, the views of local Governments—is likely to place Sir Sankaran Nair in the office of a militant minority of one. Now the "Daily [illegible]" of Bangalore gives prominence to a current report that Sir M. Visvesvarayya is to succeed Sir Sankaran Nair in the Government of India. There are so many disquieting rumours about Sir Sankaran Nair's [illegible] considerable anxiety has [been] the attitude of the Government [on the] form question. The Reform [illegible] believed to be engaged in [illegible] and the time has come [illegible] reiterate its demands in [illegible] said sometime back [illegible] guineas would be currency. Now that [illegible] with a victorious end [illegible] expected that within [illegible] the reintroduction [illegible] market. The market [illegible] great improvement. [illegible] well-informed sources [illegible] on the subject may

DR. SOLF'S RESIGNATION.

TO ACT UNTIL SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED

INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS SUPPORT ELECTIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

A message from Berlin states that at the Soviet Congress, Dittman announced that Dr. Solf had resigned, but that the Government had requested him to continue in office until the appointment of a successor. The Independent Socialists have now decided to support the elections of the National Assembly. This is a great defeat for the adherents of the Spartacus Group.

CONGRESS OF GERMAN SOVIETS.

STORMY SCENES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

COPENHAGEN.—Stormy scenes were witnessed at the Imperial Congress of the Soviets. Liebknecht declared that Germany was at present a capitalistic Republic. He urged extension of the hand of brotherhood to the "Russian Bolshevik Brethren." Cheers and protests were followed by an uproar. The chairman was shouted down. The members shouted abuse and threats at each other.

GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

COPENHAGEN.—The National Assembly Elections for Anhault (Mecklenburg) show narrow Socialist majorities over non-Socialists.

PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS.

COUNTRY QUIET.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

LISBON.—The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned. The country is quiet.

MANUFACTURE OF COPPER AND LEAD.

PROHIBITION ORDERS SUSPENDED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 11-30 p.m., Dec. 20.

The Minister of Munitions has suspended various orders prohibiting dealings in, and use in the manufacture of, copper, spelter, lead, tin and chrome ore.

HONOURS TO BRITISH OFFICERS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Dec. 19.

The following honours are gazetted:—

K.C.I.E.:—Major-General Mr. B. G. H. Fell, Lieutenant-General T. J. O'Donnell, Major-General Godfrey Williams.

C.I.E.:—Colonel H. J. Barratt, Colonel S. C. Philson, Brevet Colonel R. H. Martin, Brevet Colonel Earl of Radnor, Colonel H. J. Mahon, Lieut.-Colonel F. T. Bagshawe, Lieut.-Colonel F. E. Geoghegan, Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Woodall, Lieut.-Colonel H. G. LeMesurier, Major R. St. J. Gillespie.

C.B.E.:—Colonel W. Wolesworth I.M.S., Colonel W. Shoen R.A.M.C., Colonel C. H. Shepherd, Colonel W. W. M. Smith, Brevet Colonel A. H. Wood.

O.B.E.:—Lieut.-Colonel A. P. Drayson, Lieut.-Colonel G. K. Walker, Major A. E Walter, Major G. H. R. Holland, Major A. J. Clifton.

K.C.B.:—Major-General E. S. May. Lieutenant-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, Brevet Lieut. Colonels Majors (tempy Brigadier-General) W. D. Villiers Stuart, Major (tempy Lieut.-Colonel) P. L. Grove, Major (tempy Lieut.-Colonel) R.G.A. Rind, Major (tempy Lieut.-Colonel) R. C. Ross.

CHRISTMAS DINNER POR BRITISH TROOPS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

RANGOON, Dec. 19.

Rs. 3,000 has been contributed by four Mahomedan gentlemen of Rangoon for a Christmas Day dinner for the British troops in Rangoon including those in hospital.

Last week's deaths in Rangoon numbered 250, the average being 172. Influeñza and respiratory diseases accounted for 174 or half the total.

ALLIES BOMBARDING SMYRNA.

LOCAL TURKS SUPPLIED WITH ARMS.

BY YOUNG TURKS COMMITTEE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

According to Constantinople advices the position in Smyrna is that the Turks, who have been supplied with arms by the Young Turks Committee have fortified themselves outside the town and the Allied fleets are bombarding these fortifications.

REPUBLIC OF PONTUS.

MOVEMENT AMONG GREEKS OF BLACK SEA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

There is a strong movement among the Greeks of the Black Sea in favour of the establishment of a Republic of Pontus with Trebizond as capital.

COALITION MINISTRY IN SERBIA.

FORMED UNDER PREMIERSHIP OF PASHITCH.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

BELGRADE.—The first Ministry of the Slovenes, the Croats and the Serbians representing all the parties has been formed under the Premiership of Pashitch.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS.

COALITION VICTORY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

The polling for the Oxford University's two seats resulted in the election of Lord Hugh Cecil (2771) and Mr. Prothero (2546). Both the successful candidates are Coalition Unionists.

Professor Gilbert Murray (Liberal) secured 812 votes and Mr. Furniss (Labour) 351 votes.

ENSUING IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION.

NO NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTION TO BE ALLOWED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Dec. 20.

The following circular letter over the signature of the Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, has been received by non-official Additional Members of the Imperial Legislative Council:—

I am directed to address you with regard to the proposed business for the coming session of the Imperial Legislative Council. Under Rule 23 (1) of the Rules regarding discussion of matters of public interest the President may assign such time as, with due regard to the public interests, he may consider reasonable for the discussion of resolutions. The consideration of the Reforms Scheme alone is occupying and must occupy, a very large portion of the time of nearly all Departments of the Government of India. Apart from this, important post-war problems have arisen on the signing of the Armistice, upon which the Government of India are in almost daily communication with the Secretary of State. These pre-occupations of the Government of India make it impossible for the Members immediately responsible and the officers of their Departments to devote to resolutions which Hon. members may desire to move the consideration which they deserve. His Excellency has, therefore, with great reluctance, been forced to the conclusion that the public interests necessitate the greatest possible restriction of the business of the Legislative Council during the coming session and he has, therefore, decided that no time be assigned for the consideration of resolutions during the coming session. He hopes to be in a position to assign a certain amount of time during the next autumn session in Simla and I am to express the hope that this early intimation of his Excellency's intention will minimise any inconvenience which Hon. members may experience. This circular does not apply to Budget resolutions, and a further communication will be made in due course in regard to Legislative business.

FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG'S RECEPTION.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION

VOTE OF THANKS TO ARMY AND KING'S MESSAGE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

In view of the renewed attempt to create an estrangement between the military and the civilian authorities, it is officially stated that Marshal Haig did not attend the Inter-Allied Conference in London in December with Marshal Foch and M. Clemenceau owing to the fact that the King was then visiting the Army.

Marshal Haig's present visit is private, but the Government, as soon as it was advised, immediately organised a public reception and the Prime Minister altered his plans with reference to the Conference in Paris in order to attend the reception.

Regarding the suggestion that there ought to have been a vote of thanks to the Army, it was felt that the King's address before the prorogation expressed the nation's gratitude to the fighting services in a formal and admirable manner and that the proper occasion for Parliament's thanks was when the new Parliament assembled.

PEACE CONFERANCE.

NOT EXPECTED TO ASSEMBLE BEFORE JANUARY 15.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

BRUSSELS.—It is not anticipated that the Peace Conference will assemble before January 15th. Permanent commissions in connection with the Peace Conference will sit here.

MAHARAJA OF BIKANIR AND SIR S. P. SINHA.

RECEPTION IN LONDON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

The Maharaja of Bikanir and Sir S. P. Sinha arrived in London yesterday. They were met by Sir Dunlop-Smith representing Mr. Montagu, Sir Charles Bayley, Mr. B. N. Basu, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Herbert Cox and Messrs. M. C. Seton, J. E. Shuckburch, C. H. Kisch, N. C. Sen, of the India Office. Sir E. and Lady Maclagan and A. Hamilton Grant arrived by the same train. The Maharaja of Bikanir and Sir S. P. Sinha are staying at the Ritz Hotel.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

BRITISH, ALLIED AND CAPTURED SHIPS TO PARTICIPATE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

MELBOURNE.—It has been decided that the peace celebrations in the Commonwealth will include three public holidays. The Imperial Government is being asked to arrange that a fleet consisting of the British, Allied and captured warships should visit Australia and participate in the celebrations.

THE PROPORTIONAL BILL.

PASSES BOTH HOUSES IN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

A message from Sydney states that the Proportional Representation Bill for the next State elections has passed both the Houses.

SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING OF HOTELS.

BILL PASSES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW ZEALAND.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND), Dec. 17.
Recd. 2 p.m., Dec. 20.

The House of Representatives has decided by a majority of one to make permanent the six o'clock closing of hotels.

Lieut.-Colonel Hurrleston, Agent, Burma Railways is one of a party of six railway managers invited by the G. O. C. Mesopotamia to visit that country at the end of January and inspect conditions there.

MR. PAL'S PROHIBITION FROM DELHI.

DEMAND FOR CANCELLATION

TO BE CONSIDRED ONLY ON PERSONAL APPLICATION

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Dec. 20.

The Madras Provincial Congress Committee sent a telegram a few days ago to the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, asking for the cancellation of the order against Mr. Bepin Chandra Pal prohibiting his entry into Delhi in view of the ensuing Congress Session. The following reply has been received from the Chief Commissioner:—"Your telegram of 16th instant. No orders can be passed regarding the order affecting Bepin Chandra Pal except on his personal application. No such application has hitherto been received. Application should be by letter and not by telegram."

IPSWICH TO INDIA AEROPLANE.

TO HELP GENERAL MCEWAN'S PROGRESS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.
Recd. 11-30 p.m., Dec. 20.

PARIS.—The aeroplane which started from Ipswich for India on December 13th left the Le Bourget aerodrome near Paris on the morning of December 15th for the Miramas, Marseilles, 450 miles from Paris.

The aeroplane which was originally intended to bomb Berlin measures 127 feet from wingtip to wingtip and weighs with fuel and passengers 27,000 pounds. It is equipped with four Rolls-Royce eagle engines and has a speed of a hundred miles an hour. It is named H. M. A. Carthusian and is piloted by old Carthusian Major A. S. Maclaren and Captain Haley, both experienced war fighters. The object of the journey is to facilitate progress of General Mcewan, who is bound for Air Force Command in the East.

DEVELOPMENT OF IMPERIAL AIR SERVICE.

LORD MONTAGU ON AERIAL POSTAL SERVICE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.
Recd. 11-30 p.m., Dec. 20.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu in a letter to "The Times" states that he has not been entrusted with any official mission to India regarding aviation, but has been studying air routes to the East and possible internal air routes to India for some time.

He has always considered that the development of the Imperial Air Service to Egypt, India and Africa for mails and passengers would be the first practical long distance service to be established. In a few months it should be possible to start the first regular long distance areial postal service from London to India.

He hopes that the Air Ministry will convert without delay their large bombers into postal and passenger carrying machines for the state service and also allow private firms to construct any types they like for long distance weight carrying and to work some services commercially.

DURBAR AT LUCKNOW.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 20.

At the durbar at Government House yesterday, gold watches were presented among others to Sheikh Habibullah Talukdar of Saidanpur and Mr. Rotting, Executive Officer, Lucknow and swords of honour to Lieutenant the Hon. Sheikh Shahid Hosain and Rai Bahadur Kunwar Bambabadur Shaw. At the close, the Chief Secretary announced that Tiwari Bulbadar Prasad has been award a *sanad* sent in durbar by the Lieutenant-Governor in recognition of services during the war.

ARMENIAN NATIONAL DELEGATION AT PARIS.

BOMBAY COMMUNITY'S MESSAGE.

The following messages have been exchanged between the Armenian community of Bombay and the President of the Armenian National Delegation, Paris:—

From the Warden of the Armenian Church, Bombay, to the President, Armenian National Delegation, Paris: "Armenians Bombay humbly pray God grant you strength and success in your efforts for complete liberation and freedom Motherland. Armenian."

From the President, Armenian National Delegation, Paris, to the Warden, Armenian Church, Bombay: "Profoundly touched by your sentiments and wishes which are an encouragement in the accomplishment of my task. I express to you my lively gratitude."

"JINNAH PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL HALL."

PEOPLE'S ONE RUPEE FUND.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following further subscriptions are acknowledged:—

	Rs.
New Daxini Club	25
Abbas T. Shekhari	1
Dwarkadas Madhavji	20
Prabhashanker K. Pandya	3
Umiashanker J. Raval	2
Govindaras Vishnudev	200
B. Brij Beharlal	2
Silam, H.	5
Hunsraj Pragji Thackersey	250
Perozshaw Cowasjee Cooper	1
K. S. Dholakia	3
Vimal Prasad and Desai	1
Abedin Fidaali	2
Fazlehusen Ebrahim	4
Fazleabas Esufally	2
J. B. Fernandez	1
Babla	1
Saleh	3
Nuruddin Mahomedally	3
M. Husen Leokmanji	2
R. K. Naik	1
D. J. Gogte	1
D. H. Kelkar	1
Through Mr. Kanjee Dwarkadas	200
Through Mr. M. A. Peerbhoy	100
Through Mr. R. N. Mandlik (from Mr. Nanalal Manchharam.)	100
Through Mr. D. G. Banker	111
Through Mr. Motilal Sharma (from Vadilal Nathubhai and Sons.)	50
Through Mr. Nathoobhoy Narsee	550
Through Mr. Bassonjee Muljee	100
Through Home Rule League Office (this includes Rs. 237 from Mr. C. Shroff and Rs. 100 from Mr. Khimchand Bhawsar.)	590
Through Mr. Najak	67
Through Mr. L. R. Jairsee (from Mr. Karmally Abdula Alarakhia.)	501
Through Mr. V. V. Ierajavi	53
Through Mr. V. A. Desai	12

BORHA COMMUNITY'S APPRECIATION.

SUPPORT TO THE HALL SCHEME.

A meeting of the friends and admirers of the Hon. Mr. Jinnah, among the members of the Borah community, was held yesterday evening, at Mr. Siraj A. Vas's residence at 175 De Lisle Road, Bombay, under the chairmanship of Dr. T. A. Kaji.

The Chairman, in addressing the meeting, said they all knew the purpose for which the meeting was convered. It was to admire the work done by Mr. Jinnah, and also to admire the courage and independence which the leaders of the people exhibited on December 11th. Besides, that was perhaps the first meeting at which the intelligent Bohras were interesting themselves in a matter affecting the public.

Mr. Husenbhoy Asik then moved the following first resolution:—

"That this meeting of the Bohra friends and admirers of the Hon. Mr. Mahomedally A. Jinnah, places on record its deep sense of appreciation of the splendid services rendered by him and his supporters, at the Town Hall Meetin, on the 11th December 1918, and congratulates him for his brilliant and successful stand, and whole-heartedly associates itself with the proposal to erect "Jinnah People's Memorial Hall" in celebration of the democratic victory, and to commemorate the services of the Hon. Mr. Jinnah and his supporters."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. T. Bharai, and supported by Mr. Ahmed S. Vasi, Mr. Amir S. Vasi and others. On being put to the vote it was carried unanimously.

The following resolution was also passed:—

"That this meeting authorizes the President to forward a copy of the resolution to the Hon. Mr. Jinnah and also to forward the amount realised in this meeting to the Secretaries of the Managing Committee of the "Jinnah People's Memorial Hall "Fund."

A vote of thanks to the Chair terminated the proceedings.

After the meeting was over, the collection of the subscription to the fund was made.

JINNAH MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The following names should have been included in the list of the Committee published above:—Mr. Abdul Latif Cocker, Mr. Ratanram Vakkatram. The name of Mr. Dayaram Mehta, who is a member of the Committee, was wrongly spelt in the previous announcement.

BOMBAY'S VICTORY.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MOFUSSIL.

The following telegrams have been received by the Hon. Mr. Jinnah:—

"The Poona Home Rule Union heartily congratulates the Hon. Mr. Jinnah and others on the gallant success they achieved at the Town Hall Memorial meeting and thanks them for their subscribing to the Memorial in this way."

"Ahmednagar citizens in a public meeting assembled express thanks to Mr. Hormusji's conduct at the Willingdon Memorial meeting.—Yours etc.,

LAKMIDASS PURSHOTHAM,
President."

A congratulatory message has also been received from the citizens of Nadiad.

HONEST JOURNALISM!

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I shall feel highly obliged if you would not deny me the courtesy of giving a little space in your poupular paper. I, a constant reader of the "Times of India" was struck dumb to see the account of the Town Hall Meeting given by that paper. I have no words to express what sort of thrilling sensation passed round my body while reading the absolutely false account given in the columns of a leading and respectable paper like the "Times of India" for which I had much regard up till now.. The editorial column itself creates an indescribable horror in one's mind who was an eye witness to what happened in the Town Hall.

I have nothing more to say about the "Advocate of India" except a word of advice to its proprietors to change the word "Advocate" into the word "Enemy" which would perhaps better befit it.—Yours, etc.

A MEMORIAL WALLAH.

WHO ARE THE CITIZENS?

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—In a letter which appeared in your paper, "Impartial" asks the question whether I wish to call my party "Citizens" of Bombay and that of Mr. Jinnah "residents," and then comes to the conclusion that that side on which the majority lies is the right one and has the authority. In answer to "Impartial", I say that I was not concerned with terminology. For his edification, I may state that the two terms "Citizens" and "Residents" are not synonimous. All Citizens *are* residents, but all residents are *not* citizens. My point was only this. When the anti-Requisitionists have objected to the Requisitionists' using the expression "Citizens of Bombay" as applying to them, how can they (anti-Requisitionists) use the expression so very freely, even though the majority of those present in the Shantaram's Chawl belonged to their party. According to the report published, there were about 20,000 persons present in the Shantaram's Chawl. Some say—and I could rely on them—that the capacity of the locality where the meeting was held does not go to contain more than 5,000 persons at the most liberal computation. Taking the reported figure viz. 20,000, let me ask "Impartial" whether 20,000 bears any proportion to the 12 lakhs of the Citizens of Bombay. It is in this sense that I objected and it is, I take it, in the very same sense that the anti-Requisitionists also have objected to the Town Hall meeting.—Yours, etc.,

N. V. SARMA.

Girgaon, Dec. 16.

MR. J. B. PETIT AND THE WILLINGDON MEMORIAL MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Will you oblige me with a corner in your valuable paper? Our esteemed citizen Seth Jehangir Bomanji Petit, in the course of his interview with your representative says "Their (anti-requisitionists') point would have been gained, in my opinion, had they sent up a protest against the meeting or held a separate meeting of their own." Sir, may I inquire, is this the same Mr. J. B. Petit who triumphantly captured the Town Hall in 1916, when the same president Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy, Bart. convened a public meeting of the Parsis to record the irreparable loss sustained by the whole country in the ever lamentable death of Sir Pherozeshah Mehta, in reponse to a largely and influentially signed requisition? Perhaps, there is a change in the angle of vision within a couple of years. These are progressive times.—Yours, etc.

"WHAT CHEEK."

THE KOW-TOWING FRATERNITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—It is stated in the "Three Readings of a Palm" (Page 60) how the East India Company's Officials were misled by the sycophantic fraternity of the time, and so lulled were these officials that the great Mutiny of 1857 was actually on them before they became aware even of any dissatisfaction. People at that time were so filled with their exclusive associations and immediate gains that they had no eyes to see what was going on around them, and as a matter of fact these fawners posed as leaders merely because they had managed to persuade the Company's officials to credit them as such. Now I cannot help thinking, thanks to you and your band of helpers, that we have advanced considerably on those days, and that we are no longer going to be befooled by the successors of that fraternity. But the question is: is the Government going to remain quiescent and let these men lead it by flattery, and misleading statements such as appeared in one of your contemporaries as the impressions of a Journalist or something to that effect, and whom you pointed out to be no other then one of its own staff.

I hope the new Governor who takes over the reins some time to-day will have more leisure from social functions to study this side of the question.—Yours etc.,

Bombay, Dec. 16.

MENE MENE TEKEL UPHARSIN.

Economic & Financial Situation.

A WEEKLY REVIEW.

The Railway Conference.

The address of Mr. Clark, Agent of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, the President of the Railway Conference, quantitatively and qualitatively, is a poor performance. The greater portion of the short address is devoted to an extravagant and monotonous eulogy of the war services performed by the railways. The only topics of importance referred to are (1) The financial policy of the Government of India regarding railway outlay; (2) The proposed location of the Board of Directors of the East Indian and other railways in India with an Indian personnel; and (3) The comforts of passengers. The criticism of the Government by Mr. [illegible] regarding (1) is silly and mischievous, while his negative answer to (2) and (3) is positive about the insular outlook and attention of vested interests of the company managing State-owned railways.

Finance and Government Policy.

[illegible] is of opinion that the Government make adequate financial provision for material equipment and other [illegible] condemns what he calls the financial policy of the Government. The lamentation is the [illegible] every railway agent who [illegible] the rudiments of railway [illegible] correctly and honestly accounts of railway administrators are more [illegible] shortage than anything [illegible] drags the red herring of [illegible] Government's lack of generosity. [illegible] he says:—

"Many of these facilities could, should and would have been provided on pre-war days had the railway allotment permitted this, and it therefore seems that a more generous pre-war policy would have ultimately proved to be true economy. . . . . I hold strongly the opinion that prior to the war, the railways of India were not provided with sufficient equipment to enable them to deal adequately with their existing traffic or to assist effectively in the development of the resources of the country. We should therefore prepare now not only for the traffic in sight, but also for the great development in commercial enterprise, since without an assurance that adequate railway facilities would be provided, this development cannot take place, and the opportunity must not be lost by the continuance of a niggardly financial policy towards railways.

According to this agent, if only more funds had been voted; and are voted in future, everything would come right and the railways would assist Indian industries, in what manner, it is not stated. There is not one word about the various sins of omission and commission of the railway administrations. It is quite natural for the spending agencies to clamour for more funds, as the feeble checks over the expenditure of the company-managed State railways offer many unfair advantages for the railway directorates in handling large sums.

Shortage of Facilities.

The fallacies which Mr. Clark, like so many railway agents, trots out should be exposed, if the main aspects of railway problems are to be correctly understood. There is absolutely no connection between the financial allotment and the failure on the part of railways to assist industries. The policy a railway adopts in the matter of rates especially, and working generally, is responsible for the assistance, or its absence, to industries. As for the financial allotment, and the shortage of equipment, Mr. Clark has not adduced any evidence and does not at all treat the question seriously. The real reason for the failure of the railways to assist industrial development is their rate policy which has been adverse to indigenous industrial development and unduly favourable to an unnatural development of a large export and import trade. This policy has also an important financial aspect as the absurdly low rates on traffic that should be rated higher, have robbed the Indian exchequer of considerable sums, that would have improved the railway property of the State or given relief to the taxpayer in various ways.

In addition to the scandalous and unscientific rates policy, with its pernicious economics and bad finance, there are several evils of railway administration that are responsible for the shortage of facilities and other defects. The most notable of these evils are the unbusinesslike way of handling equipment that is sufficient, the frightful economic waste in transportation, the improper way of allowing engines and rolling stock to remain unrepaired and not serviceable, for long intervals, the mismanagement regarding the proper utilisation of freight cars and not curtailing avoidable empty running, the meaningless and ruinous circuitous running of freight cars over long distances, reluctance to introduce high power engines and high capacity freight cars, the ill and under-paid subordinate staff, the absence of supervision over goods traffic movement, an over-paid inefficient superior staff, "the awfully slow transit of goods trains. There is not one word regarding these aspects of railway working in the presidential speech.

The E.I.R. Directorate and Sir D. Barbour.

The appointment of Sir David Barbour, an ex-finance member of the Governor-General's Council, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the East Indian Railway, is an adroit move. As the matter of working the East Indian Railway either by direct state agency as Indians want, or renewing the contract with the present company, is now under consideration, this appointment has a special significance. The Company is doubtless trying its best to renew the contract, either as it is or on slightly different lines with a directorate with an altered personnel: essentially the same. Indian publicists should be very vigilant as the company with its new president, an old bureaucratic hand, is certain to bring pressure on the Secretary of State and the India Office to vote state management and perpetuate the existing arrangement. The position is now more or less similar to that in 1873 when the East Indian Railway purchased by Government was settled with Sir John Strachey as Finance Member in India and his brother Sir Richard Strachey as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the railway company at home, an arrangement that benefited the company in many unfair ways and deprived the Indian taxpayer of his legitimate and equitable advantages. We would invite the attention of the non-official members of the Indian Legislative Council to this matter, and suggest that the question should again be raised in the forthcoming session of the Council so that this railway may be taken over immediately on the expiry of the contract by the State without any further dilatory tactics or protracted negotiations.

Railway Board and Sir A. Anderson.

There is a report to the effect that Sir Robert Gillan, the President of the Railway Board, vacated the presidentship almost immediately and is to be succeeded by Sir Arthur Anderson, an ex-member of the Railway Board, and now member of the Munitions Board. If this report has any foundation, Sir Arthur Anderson's appointment should be negatived as he is neither a competent man nor one who favours Indian aspirations. As a member of the Railway Board he has been a failure, and as the agent of the Madras and Southern and Maharatta Railway he was a reactionary of the most rabid type. His ruthless methods regarding the handling of a strike in that railway are worthy of the Junker and are remembered there as the most savage in the annals of Indian railway administration. Indian public opinion should express itself in emphatic terms against this appointment as opposed to the interests of the country. Apart from the unsuitability of the man, there is also an important principle that should be observed in the case of similar appointments. It is notorious that the agents of the company worked state railways are, as a class, unfit to exercise the functions and powers of the Railway Board as they can not preserve an attitude of impartiality regarding the control over the working of the railways with which they were connected and with which they are trying to be connected after retirement. The history of many appointments after the institution of the Railway Board is convincing proof of this scandal. It should be laid down that in future *no agent of a company-worked state railway is eligible for a seat* on the Railway Board. We will state the reasons for this reform.

The Agents of Company-worked State Railways and the Government.

The Railway Department of the Government of India has to solve many problems of railway policy, working, and administration in the best interests of the country which conflict with those of the companies that work the state lines. This being so, on almost every question the standpoint of the Government is opposed to that of the company. An officer who has long served a company working a state railway whose board of directors is located in London, by the time he becomes the agent of that Railway, develops into the partisan advocate of the company's interests and is *incapable* of appreciating any other standpoint, much less of displaying impartiality when the interest of the state is opposed to that of the railway to which he belongs. When such a man is transported to the Railway Board, he becomes nothing more than an apologist of the company which he was connected with and other companies similarly situated. It is impossible to expect a judicial attitude from such a person, though such an attitude is the *first and foremost* requisite a member of the Railway Board should fulfil.

Such a member in the Railway Board usually sits tight during his period of office actively exerting himself as an advocate of the companies which are all in the same position, and opposing every reform necessary in the interest of the country. This is not all. He has his eye on the directorate of the company with which he was connected or another. As such an appointment could not be got if he is not a staunch advocate of the interests of the company, he is doing his best to favour the companies even at the expense of the state.

Sir Frederick Upcott and Sir T. Wynne.

The inadvisability of appointing agents of company-worked state railways to the Railway Board would be evident from the following illustrations. Let us take the case of the first president Sir Frederick Upcott. All the time that he was the president of the Railway Board in India, he was thinking of the East Indian Railway Directorate, and when he retired he became the chairman of the Board of Directors of that railway. Can any one honestly say that such a method is conducive to the efficient discharge of the duties of the Railway Board? Then there is the instance of Sir T. Wynne. Sir T. Wynne, before he entered the Railway Board, was the agent of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway. After he became the president, he was the ardent champion of the interests of the companies and cared nothing for the interests of the Indian people. When he retired, he was appointed the managing director of the company with which he had been connected originally. How could a man like Sir T. Wynne protect the interests of the country and the government under such circumstances? Mr. Priestley who was the first secretary to the Railway Board, became the agent of the S. I. Railway and afterwards the managing director of the same company. This practice makes it impossible for an ex-agent of a company-worked state railway to be the spokesman of the Government and advocate the people's interests.

When the question of state management came up before the Legislative Council sometime back, the three members of the Board were thus constituted, now also are similarly constituted. The President was a well-meaning but weak civilian. The other two members were ex-agents of two company-worked state lines. How could such a railway board give proper advice to the Government? No wonder that the commerce member spoke exactly like the agent of a company and unlike a member of a Government owing a railway property involving a capital outlay of about £370 millions.

AN INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—With reference to the attack contained in your leader of December 20th on Mr. Mackenzie Wallis, Research Chemist in the Department under my control, I would ask you to give publicity to the following defence of that officer's work and of my Department.

I am responsible in some measure for Government's selection of this officer, and should be sorry if on my advice the services of any incompetent person had been engaged at the cost of the general tax-payer. But after reading the flights of fancy contained in your article, I am still impenitent. Briefly, Mr. Mackenzie Wallis has never been a general medical practitioner. When he left England he was chemical pathologist at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and had been engaged on research work in organic chemistry for the last ten years. He was also Gilbert research scholar of the Society of Apothecaries and research scholar to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. After a distinguished career at Cambridge where he obtained a first class in the Science Tripos and was appointed demonstrator in chemical physiology, he subsequently became lecturer in the same subject at University College, Cardiff, for three years. Since 1911 he was also engaged in applied chemistry as a private consultant, and for two years of his stay at Cardiff was also employed by the Local Government Board at home to investigate milk supplies. The curious and sceptical may turn to the report of that body for Mr. Mackenzie Wallis' contribution to the subject. With all respect for the essential qualifications suggested by the writer of your article, there are, I apprehend, other courses of training open to the budding industrial chemist.

The article in question makes obviously unfair use of certain slips in the speech of H. E. Lord Willingdon, as reported, and proceeds to instruct us to the effect apparently that France, Spain, and Italy, have already told the world all there is to know about the technical processes required for the commercial exploitation of bitterns, that casein as at present made in India cannot be improved upon or its use extended, and that no contribution to our knowledge has been made by Mr. Mackenzie Wallis' notes on what he first described in this department's communiques as the German patent food Nutrose. It is sufficient to say that France, Spain, and Italy, as well as America, are still pursuing their unnecessary investigations of bitterns possibilities, and the suggestion that there is nothing new to discover is the purest moonshine. The casein at present exported from India is admittedly by no means perfect, and was in point of fact not pure enough for certain technical applications for which it was required, and the manufacture of the patent food Nutrose for the first time in any country outside Germany was undoubtedly of first industrial importance. Would the writer have us believe that the processes employed at Kharaghoda and projected at Aden, including certain text book patents, leave nothing to be desired? Mr. Mold and Mr. Bhagwat are more modest. Is the "grandiloquent proclamation" that only the minutest trace of potassium salts can be found in Kharaghoda bitterns merely a subject for scepticism and derision? I have not the slightest doubt about the accuracy of the analysis, and this absence of potassium salts is a principal factor in the industrial possibilities of extracting magnesium salts from these peculiar bitterns.

I am painfully conscious of many shortcomings in the Department I am endeavouring to organise, but if these are all the criticisms that occur to the writer of this article, I fear I shall not receive much assistance from him. Still I should be glad to learn his grave objections to "admixture"—(Phoebus! what a verb)—casein and soda, and in return will present him with the piece of information that casein is often popularly referred to as dried milk. Mr. Mackenzie Wallis' reputation as an industrial chemist has not received the shattering blow that was so confidently and gleefully expected.—Yours, etc.,

J. MEAD.
Director of Industries.

Office of the Director of Industries.
Old Custom House Buildings, Fort.
Bombay, Dec. 20.

[We shall deal with Mr. Mead's letter in due couse, Mr. Mead is welcome to his own view that a "Chemical Pathologist" from a London Hospital, who has made a casual excursion into milk supplies, is a suitable person to be appointed as industrial chemist to the much-boomed Industries Department of the Government of Bombay. Lord Willingdon's speech "as reported" was Lord Willingdon's speech as officially supplied to the reporters of this paper and the so-called "slips" are his, or the Secretariats' and not ours or the reporter's.—Editor.]

A CURIOUS SERIES OF CROSS CASES.

A correspondent writes:—

Mr. M. Conway, retired Senior Judges' Clerk and Commissioner for taking affidavits, High Court, Bombay, has been charged before the Cantonment Magistrate, Poona, with attempt to murder grievous hurt, etc., under Sections 307, 323, 504 and 506 I.P.C., by one Mr. Murie lately a Permanent Way Inspector, G. I. P. Railway.

Mr. Conway has charged Mr. Murie with rioting wrongful restraint, etc., under Sections 341, 352, 426, 448 and 506, Indian Penal Code; while Mrs. Conway has charged Mr. Murie, with voluntarily causing hurt etc., under Sections 323, 341, 352, 355, 426, 448, 506 and 509 I.P.C.

And Mrs. Voland, a clerk in Military Accounts, has charged Mr. Murie with wrongful restraint, mischief, etc., under Sections 341, 426, 448 and 506, I.P.C.

The first case, for attempt to murder, etc., was to have come for hearing on the 20th instant.

BAKR-ID RIOT CASE.

STORY OF TELEGRAMS.

(Associated Press.)

SAHARANPUR, Dec. 18.

After lunch the Sub-Postmaster of Kankhal was cross-examined by Mr. Satyachandra Mukerjee. He said that he had been in Kankhal from 14th September, to 1st November. He did not know Swami Satyakama at all. When the former came to the telegraph office to send telegrams to the Lieutenant-Governor and the District Magistrate, the Swami had a telegram written on a piece of paper, but the writing was not legible. Swami asked him to write it and said that he would dictate it. While the witness was sending the telegrams to the District Magistrate through the Umbala Telegraph Office which was the channel of communication between Kankhal and Saharanpur, Swami Satyakama and the villagers with him went away. The villagers did not make their thumb mark on the telegram and when the witness looked for them he did not find them. The Swami came to the telegraph office twice after that to despatch telegrams and the witness spoke to him about the thumb marks being procured, but the Swami said he would get it done. About the 21st September the originals of these telegrams were taken away from him by the authorities. Witness stated that he had gone to the Ramkrishna Mission on the occasion of the Durga Puja. Some days after the riot but did not see Swami Satyakama there. He enquired about Swami Satyakama from the postman and he was told that the former lived somewhere in the bazar. He never saw Swami Mallick, Second Chief Officer at Mayapur thana. He knew the station officer Sheodial Singh who came to the telegraph office to send a state telegram. Witness remembered that he came alone and Mullick was not with him. His predecessor Mahomed Asin was transferred within twenty-four hours on the complaint being made to his departmental officers. Under orders of the District Magistrate, the witness brought a hundred originals of all telegrams which passed between the Kankhal men and others between 12th and 20th September.

Mr. Wallach in the re-examination produced the state telegram sent by the station officer, Mayapur.

The next witness produced by the prosecution was Hidayat, an inhabitant of Katarpur, who proved that his uncle and cousin Nabbu and Nabbu were at Katarpur on the day of the riot and had not been seen or heard of since. Witness ran away and concealed himself. Witness identified these among the accused whom he had seen in the riot and stated what they were doing. The Hindu crowd shouted to Kill, burn and show them the fun of Bakr-id.

At this stage the Court closed for the day.

PURDHA PARTY IN CALCUTTA

TO MEET LADY CHELMSFORD.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

A purdah party of the ladies of Bengal was held yesterday evening at the residence of Lady Mukerjee for the purpose of entertaining her Excellency Lady Chelmsford. The party was arranged under the auspices of the Mahila Samiti and attended by over four hundred ladies including all the most prominent and leading ladies of Calcutta. Among those present were the Maharani of Cooch Behar, Maharani of Natore, Maharani of Krishnagar, Maharani of Burdwan, Rani of Santosh, the Dowager Maharanis of Cooch Behar and Mayurbhanja, Princess Sakuntala Raja of Baroda, Lady Sanderson, Lady Stewart, Lady Sinha, Lady Wheeler, Lady Bose, Lady Woodroffe, Mrs. Duval, Mrs. Monahan, Mrs. S. N. Tagore, Mrs. P. K. Roy, and the Kumari the Rani of Hill Tipperah.

LADY CHELMSFORD'S APPRECIATION.

In reply to an address of welcome her Excellency in the course of her speech said: —The women have come forward as never before feeling that their work was the only tribute they could pay to the splendid heroic soldiers who have fought and laboured and died in the great cause of liberty and justice. One of the most striking features of this war work has been the remarkable manner in which Indian women have availed themselves of the opportunity given them to share in the common burden. Following the lead of their great ladies, the Indian women of every rank and position have been zealous to do what they could and to offer what they had towards the common cause. The real and friendly association of English and Indian women in these works of love will, I believe, be found to have laid the foundation of many lasting friendships and by leading to a greater understanding and appreciation of each other's point of view which will be of immense value for the future success of the vast amount of work waiting to be done by the women in this great country.

HOW I GOT ADMISSION INTO THE TOWN HALL.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—On the Memorial day, I went to the scene at 3 p.m. and tried my best to get into the Town Hall, but as a "Citizen of Bombay" I failed in all my attempts. At last I had to commit "a little sin." I renounced my "Citizenship" and accepted "Mawalship." I made a sign to a police officer, took him aside and whispered in his ear, "I have an urgent message for Casim Mitha. Hurry up; let me see him at once." He obeyed my "order" at once. "Come along", said he, and took me to the private gate. Next moment I was standing there on the platform with the message loudly proclaiming that *there should be no memorial to Lord Willingdon.*—Yours, etc.,

M. Z. R.

Dec. 14.

"SIMLA BIRD AGAIN."

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I think you will in fairness allow me to reply to the letter from "Ignorance" published in your issue of the 12th instant. (a) "Ignorance" states that I advised going "long" in November and said by the 15th December those who went long between 550 and 650 would be glad. (b) That at the level of 570 to 580 I advised going "short."

Now, when I advised being "long" between 600 and 650 the market was declining. So any one who wished to take my advice would have got in at about 605.

When the market was 507 and most people expected it to slump to 450, in face when well known offices were converted from the "Bull" to the "Bear" side, I advised buying. Having followed my advice in the first instance, it is only reasonable to suppose that the speculator would do so to the last. Say he got in at 525. My next letter written when the market was 539 advised selling between 570 and 580. The market touched 576 and then declined. A purchase at 525 would thus have given a profit of at least 45 points. The market now went back to 542. Therefore at this level a speculator who took my advice would have been losing only Rs. 900. I expected the market would be higher on the 15th December than it was, but from that date there has been a steady rise, and as I write it is 642. Now Sir, the man who took my advice and was satisfied to wait, is at this level making Rs. 5,000 per 100 bales. I gave my advise on the 13th November, and Rs. 4,000 in just over a month is not to be despised. I am likely to be wrong at times, but so far if a speculator has acted on my advice consistently he has made and not lost.

After all no one speculates in Cotton who does not know something about the game; it is not prepared to run a loss of about Rs. 5,000. Between 605 and 607 there were one or two reactions, and a sensible man would have taken advantage of these.

By Thursday I expect the market, once again to be not far off 600 and I consider a purchase between 600 and 625 quite safe. By the 23rd of January I look for Rs. 700 or thereabouts. Will "Ignorance" follow my advice, buy at 620, and about the 23rd January close his business, and through your valuable paper let me know his profit?—Yours, etc.,

"SIMLA BIRD."

Dec. 13.

PARSI STEWARDS' DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I have read with amusement and disgust the report of the "Times of India", about the meeting of the 11th instant, which is quite contrary to facts. I am not myself a Home Ruler, and only attended the meeting with great difficulty, as I was surrounded by Boras and Khojas who they said, had been requested by "Great Men" though few of them had knowledge of (A.B.C.) the English Alphabet or even the Programme of the meeting. But strange to find that though they clapped their hands at the commencement when Sir Jamsetjee and Sir D. E. Wacha entered the hall, ultimately they very lustily joined the chorus of "shame" and "no meeting" when they understood the real situation and openly blamed their leaders for this manœuvre, which would create nothing but cleavage between Hindus and Mahomedans where none existed.

The conduct of the Parsee "stewards" or Volunteers was always provocative and insulting and was responsible for the disturbance at about 11 o'clock and subsequently order was restored only on assurance from Mr. Mody at the request of Mr. Jamnadas.

At the close of the meeting encourage by the Police and Europeans the Parsee Volunteers especially, took up an attitude which will do credit to Huns, so much so that I saw them belabouring a Bhatia millionaire who is a grown-up gentleman, and when the undersigned tried to save him he was also threatened with the same treatment.

Once more I mention that though I am not a Home Ruler, I very much admire the public spirit of the citizens of Bombay who attended the meeting under stress of great excitement, distress and insult, and specially the indefatigable leaders who by their example have raised the tone of political life and leadership in India.

I propose a memorial should be raised to the Hon. Mr. Jinnah and I contribute Rs. 100 to that, and I request that you will kindly take up this matter in earnest as there are many citizens who have seriously thought about this proposal.—Yours, etc.,

J. D. SANGHAVI.

Dec. 13.

CALCUTTA INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

NO DELEGATES TO CONGRESS THIS YEAR.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

A meeting of the Committee of the Indian Association was held last evening, Sir Devaprasad Sarbadhikari presiding, when the question of attendance at the Delhi Congress and election of delegates thereto was considered. Mr. N. K. Bose moved that "the meeting do proceed to elect delegates". The motion was put to vote seven voting for and seven against it; and the motion was declared lost by the casting vote of the Chairman. This year no delegates will be elected by the Indian Association of Calcutta.

MUSLIM STUDENT'S UNION.

Mr. Syud Hossain's lecture, announced for this evening, has been postponed until further notice.

Official and Personal.

The Viceroy left Calcutta on Thursday afternoon by a special train from Sealdah (E. B. S. Rly.), on a shooting excursion to Cooch Behar where his Excellency will stay until the 23rd instant as the guest of the Maharaja.

His Excellency Sir George Lloyd received visits from H. H. the Nawab of Palanpur and the Raja of Dharampur on Friday morning.

His Excellency Sir George Lloyd accompanied by Mr. Vincent, Commissioner of Police, paid visits of inspection to some of the Bombay Police Stations and also drove round part of Bombay on Friday afternoon.

Her Excellency Lady Lloyd visited the Cama Hospital on Friday afternoon.

Major-General W. R. H. Sidmond has arrived at Government House.

We have received a communication contradicting the statement that His Excellency Sir George Lloyd will be present at a dinner at the Willingdon Sports Club, to-day.

REFORM COMMITTEES.

THEIR WORK IN C. P. AND CALCUTTA.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The Reform Committees arrived in Calcutta on December the 16th from Nagpur where they had been sitting for several days taking evidence from the Central Provinces including Government witnesses in support of the schemes submitted by the local administration, representatives of the Central Provinces and Berar the Provincial Congress Committees, the Central Provinces and Berar Graduates Association, the Depressed India Association and the Central Provinces and Berar Mining Association and a number of other individual witnesses representing various interests.

They spent their first four days in Calcutta hearing witnesses from Assam, the principal being the official representatives, the representatives of the Assam and Surma Valley Branches of the Indian Tea Association, the Assam Association, the Peoples' Association of Sylhet, the Muhammadan Zemindars Association of Sylhet, the Assam Association, the Anjuman-i-Tavid-i-Islam Jorhat, and the Mahbubya Committee, besides other individual witnesses.

They have now suspended their sittings for a short Christmas recess. The sittings will be resumed in Calcutta on January the 2nd for the consideration of evidence from Bengal. On the termination of this portion of their enquiry the Committee will visit Madras and then Bombay returning to Delhi at the beginning of February next.

IMMEDIATE GRANT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.

ALIGARH CONGRESS COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION.

The following circular letter has been issued by Mr. Hadi Abdul Rahim, President, Aligarh District Congress Committee:—

The following Resolution was unanimously passed at a public meeting of the citizens of Aligarh held under the auspices of the Aligarh District Congress Committee on December 14th, 1918:—

(a) "That this meeting of the citizens of Aligarh urges upon the organisers and Delegates of the Indian National Congress to pass a Resolution that in view of the success of the British and Allied Arms and in view of the general acceptance of the principle of Self-Determination, that principle should be extended to India and the real wishes of the Indians with regard to the future constitution of this country be given effect to."

(b) "That this meeting requests the Delegates assembled at the Indian National Congress to demand that the British Government be pleased to grant complete Self-Government within the Empire to India immediately."

I shall be obliged if you will see your way to urge upon the Congress to take steps towards having the suggested resolutions passed at the Delhi sessions.

MR. BOMANJI'S TACTICS.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I am not a Bolshevik nor a member of the Home Rule League nor certainly a Moderate nor an admirer of each and every pro-consul that comes to India to serve her according to individual fancies. But I claim to be a very close student of our affairs and as such make bold to ask Mr. S. R. Bomanji whether he really understands what participation in public life means? Does he think that because one is not able see eye to eye with others he must of necessity throw mud at them? Supposing, Sir, that all that he has said against the Hon. Mr. Jinnah and others in the press were true though we have yet to learn what he has to say in reply to the statement of Mr. Jinnah was he justified in rushing to the press at once? Did it not behove him, who so sportsmanlike came to the rescue of Lord Willingdon, to get his doubts solved by those very gentlemen whom he has defamed in public? And supposing that such a solution was not possible could he not have followed the course adopted by Mr. B. J. Desai and remained silent till time the great corrector would have shown to the world the great man that he was? The public, as Mr. Bomanji should know by now, is not easily led away either by Moderates or by Extremists, and always judges men by either acts and words, and in the present instance they admire the comparative rectitude of Mr. Desai rather than the gyrations of Mr. Bomanji.—Yours, etc.,

PROUD OF PATRIOTS.

Santa Cruz.
19th December, 1918.

The annual meeting of the Press Association of India will be held at Delhi on Wednesday the 25th instant at 5-30 p.m. on the Congress Ground.

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MADRAS SHOOTING CASE.

PRELIMINARY TRIAL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Dec. 19.

The preliminary trial resumed to-day before the Chief Presidency Magistrate of the case in which Private Burrows of the Norfolks stands charged with the murder of Sergeant McDonough of the Lancashires by shooting with a rifle on the 10th December and with an attempt to murder Lance-Corporal Blackburn of the Norfolks. About eight more witnesses were examined and this closed the case for the prosecution.

COOLIES' STRIKE ENDS IN MADRAS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Dec. 19.

The coolies, who struck work in the B. O. C. Oil installation resumed work to-day.

RETIRED DY. MAGISTRATE SENT TO JAIL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The Sessions Judge of Chittagong has disposed of the case in which Romesh Chunder Das, a retired Deputy Magistrate was charged with giving false evidence in 1913. Dr. R. K. Gupta, Civil Surgeon of Midnapore and a cousin of the accused died. His widow applied for probate of a will made by the deceased in favour of the widow in which the accused was the main witness. The will was found to be forged and the accused was convicted of giving false evidence and sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS CALCUTTA DOCTOR.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The death took place yesterday of Dr. R. G. Ker, a well-known physician of Calcutta from influenza. After completing his education in England deceased came to Calcutta and commanded extensive practice. He was author of several medical books in vernacular and founder of Belgachia Medical College.

A Darjeeling message says that while the influenza epidemic has not yet died out, small-pox is increasing in the station among hillmen and a few deaths have occurred. The municipality has issued a notice requiring all to be vaccinated.

THE DELHI CONGRESS.

MR. B. C. PAL'S EXHORTATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

At a public meeting held last evening under the auspices of Bengal Peoples' Association, Mr. B. Chakrabutty presiding, speeches were made urging people to attend the Congress at Delhi in large numbers. Mr. Bipin Chandra Pal said that in view of the fact that prominent Moderates who seceded from the Special Congress were likely to attend the Delhi Congress it was the duty of the people belonging to his school of thought to muster strong at the Congress to defeat any attempt that might be made to undo the work done by the Bombay Special Congress.

NATIONAL CONGRESS.

BULLETIN IV.

The following bulletin is issued:

As already announced the 33rd session of the Indian National Congress will commence its sittings on the 26th. The President-elect will arrive on the 25th. His special is timed to arrive at about 12-55 p.m. when a procession will start from the Station and will pass through the Queen's Road, the Barne Bastion Road, Khari Baoli, Chand Chouk, Lothian Road up to the Hindu College Building where the procession will stop.

Persons desirous of getting admission inside the platform should apply to the General Secretary, Office. The number allowed is strictly limited. The work of the Pandal is now complete and the work of decorations is in rapid progress. It is expected that every thing will be complete by the 23rd instant.

Delegates are reminded that unless they bring their credentials duly signed they cannot be registered as Delegates. Hotel accommodation is very limited in Delhi and the Reception Committee has been able to arrange for only a very limited number of seats in the Hotel. Delegates who are alloted seats in these Hotels will pay the actual Hotel charge ranging from Rs. 8 to 12.

Arrangement has also been made for food in European style under private management. Charges will be Rs. 6 per diem but the accommodation will not be in European style.

Delegates are requested to have all their luggages prominently labelled with their name and the name of the Province so that there will be no difficulty in conveying them to the respective camps and identification. Delegates will be conveyed free to their camps.

All parties and all castes and creed are working enthusiastically and harmoniously to make the present session an unqualified success.

INDIAN WAR LEGISLATION.

TO BE SHORTLY REVISED.

(From our Correspondent.)
DELHI, Dec. 16.

The Government of India will shortly examine the War Legislations, which were mostly enacted for the period of hostilities and six months after. They are:—

ORDINANCES.

1914—(I) Indian Naval and Military News (Emergency) Ordinance, 1914. (II) Impressment of Vessels Ordinance, 1914. (III) Foreigners Ordinance, 1914. (IV) Indian Volunteers Ordinance, 1914. (V) Ingress into India Ordinance, 1914. (VI) Commercial Intercourse with Enemies Ordinance 1914. (VII) Foreigners (Amendment) Ordinance, 1914. (VIII) Foreigners (Further Amendment) Ordinance, 1914. (IX) Articles of Commerce Ordinance, 1914.

1917—(III) The Registration Ordinance 1917.

ACTS OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

1915—(I) The Emergency Legislation Continuance Act, 1915. (IV) The Defence of India (Criminal Law Amendment) Act, 1915. (VI) The Indian Patents and Designs (Temporary Rules) Act, 1915. (XIV) The Enemy Trading Act, 1915.

1916—(II) The Defence of India (Amendment) Act, 1916. (III) The Foreigners (Trial by Court-Martial) Act, 1916. (X) The Enemy Trading Act, 1916. (XI) The Import and Export of Goods Act, 1916. (XIV) The Indian Bills of Exchange Act, 1916

1917—(II) The Motor Spirit (Duties) Act, 1917. (III) The Indian Defence Force Act. (IV) The Indian Army (Suspension of Sentences) Act, 1917. (IX) The Indian Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Act, 1917. (XI) The Indian Paper Currency (Temporary Amendment) Act, 1917. (XIX) The Indian Paper Currency (Temporary Amendment) Act, 1917. (XX) The Indian Transfer of Ships Restriction Act, 1917. (XXII) The Gold (Import) Act, 1917.

1918—(VI) The Indian Paper Currency (Amendment) Act, 1918. (VIII) The Indian Defence Force (Amendment) Act, 1918. (IX) The Indian Soldiers (Litigation) Act, 1918. (XII) The Indian Companies Restriction Act, 1918. (XIII) The Indian Paper Currency Act, 1918. (XIV) The Gold Coinage Act, 1918. (XV) The Enemy Trading Orders (Validation) Act, 1918. (XVII) The Indian Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Act, 1918. (XVIII) The Indian Army (Suspension of Sentences) Amendment Act, 1918. (XIX) The Indian Defence Force (Further Amendment) Act, 1918. (XX) The Indian Companies (Foreign Interests) Act, 1918. (XXI) The Indian Defence Force (Foreign Service) Amendment Act, 1918. (XXIII) The Cotton Cloth Act, 1918.

OTHER MEASURES.

Some of these Ordinances and Acts will obviously disappear, but others call for careful examination in light of experiences. First and foremost is the Defence Force Act in place of which an Act for future would seem to be indicated for some form of compulsory training for the Europeans. Next comes the question of Aliens generally and Enemy Aliens particularly. In regard to these the action to be taken must greatly depend upon the Imperial policy. As regards war trade legislation the future must depend on the trade policy decided upon in respect of trading generally and enemy trading particularly. Criminal Law Act Amendment is fully covered by the recommendations of the Rowlatt Committee and the provisions of Ingress into Ordinance. It is difficult to forecast the future of a number of the Financial Acts, but most of them will disappear. The Indian Transfer of Ships Restriction Act is in force for three years, Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Act for five years, Indian Soldiers Legislation and Cotton Cloth Acts and a few others are permanent enactments.

COOLY STRIKE IN MADRAS.

EMINENTLY SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Dec. 19.

The cooly strike of Messrs. Shaw Wallace and Co.'s Kerosine installation in Madras ended to-day. The points of difference appear to have been very small. When coolies struck work on Monday, the grievance that most of them professed was that they had not been given cloths by the firm at the last Pongal festival.

They sent Mr. C. F. Andrews yesterday as their spokesman, and he had a brief interview with Mr. K. T. Menzies and Mr. A. K. Birch. The result was eminently satisfactory to all concerned, and the coolies resumed work this morning.

THE CONGRESS PROGRAMME.

MR. B. CHAKRABARTI'S SUGGESTION.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

Presiding yesterday at a public meeting to consider the Congress programme, Mr. B. Chakrabarti said they should go to Delhi in large numbers. Efforts are being made to secure the attendance of the representatives of cultivators and artizans in Bengal. The Chairman said they had nothing to expect from the bureaucracy and they would have to appeal to English men and women who admire a frank demand and that with a certain degree of bluntness. He supported the holding of a Special Congress in London and if that was not possible to send a large number of delegates to approach the electorates all over England. He also supported the suggestion of sending a petition to his Majesty the King, signed by millions of people.

THE CORONER'S COURT.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Will you please find a little space for the following in your valued paper?

The Coroner's Court is timed to meet at 10 a.m. (S.T.) and the jurors are requisitioned a few minutes before that time. Sometimes adjourned cases have to be heard and the former juries have also to be present. On one occasion, no less than three juries of 9 persons each were present. On three occasions when I was present at the Coroner's Court during last month, the Coroner attended the Court at about 10-45 a.m. and up to then all the jurors, the police officers and men, the witnesses and above all the relatives of the deceased persons, were kept waiting. Surely the Coroner, as a public servant, can be expected to be punctual and thus save much time of the public servants, of the jurors and the public who have the misfortune to have to attend there, and to respect the feeling of the mourners.

I was also shocked to mark the poor quality of the jurors assembled. Some of them could not even sign in their own vernaculars and the Court peon signed the verdict for them. Many others were too ignorant to follow the cases intelligently. I do not know what the ordinary procedure is, but during the three days I was present, I found the verdict of the jury framed and read out by the Coroner without any reference to the jurors. The jurors were not given any opportunity of consulting and giving their verdict through their foreman. And yet the papers of the following day said that the verdict of the jury was so and so. The empanelling of the jury and its verdict seemed all a farce to me.

The mode of empanelling the jury requires to be thoroughly overhauled. Let the jury be made up from a more intelligent class of people than sewers of bags or tea or grain shopkeepers or victoriawallas. I have no doubt if jurors are not kept waiting unnecessarily as at present, and if they are treated with more respect than to be ceremoniously asked to stand up, to answer the roll call, to receive the oath, to sit down, to follow the police officer to view the dead body and to sign the verdict, a better class of people would be willing to work on the juries. I hope you will take the matter up and not rest content until the system is modified.—Yours, etc.

VELJI LUBHAMSI NAPPOO.
Dana Bunder, 17th December.

By a notification dated the 14th instant the Government of India have removed the prohibition on the importation into India of motor cars, chassis, motor cycles, parts and accessories thereof.

REFORMS AND I. C. S.

MR. MILNE'S CIRCULAR.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
BANKIPORE, Dec. 19.

The following appears in to-day's "Search Light."

The following is the full text of a printed circular, a copy of which we have received from Ranchi, which has been issued by Mr. G. Milne, I.C.S., Acting Honorary Secretary, the Behar and Orissa Civil Service Association to the members of the Indian Civil Service in this Province. The letter is dated the 25th November, 1918.

"I am desired by the Indian Civil Service Association for Behar and Orissa to forward to you the enclosed set of questions with the request that you will send the four answers by the 7th of December. The matter has already been taken up in other provinces and it is necessary that the opinion of the Service in Behar should be obtained without delay.

QUESTIONS.

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Are you of the opinion that the Service as a whole should request the Government to allow them to express their views on the Reform Scheme inasmuch as it has been assumed that the proposals have the approval of the Service.

Are you of opinion that the Reform Scheme affects the position and prospects of the Service adversely? If so, what action if any, should be taken to protect the interests of the Service, and in particular do you favour an action in concert with other provinces or would you prefer that this Province should act independently?

Do you approve of the suggestion that a joint representation should be made by the entire Service?

Do you approve of the making of a representation that the present members of the Service, who find the changed conditions irksome, (vide para 128 of the Report) should have the option to exercise within a reasonable period after the introduction of the Scheme of retiring on a pension proportionate to the length of their service?"

VARADARAJULU CASE.

JUDGMENT FIXED FOR JANUARY 4.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Dec. 18.

In the Varadarajul sedition case, the Public Prosecutor closed his argument yesterday, after which the Defence Vakil was permitted to address few words by way of reply. The case is posted for 4th January, for judgment.

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LIFE AFTER DEATH.

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE ON SPIRITUALISM

When I assured Sir A. Conan Doyle that his association with Spiritualism, and that of Sir Oliver Lodge, had given the spiritualistic movement a prestige which it had never had before in this country, and had induced earnest sceptics to give it a more respectful examination, he expressed both thanks and surprise, writes "A. M. D." in the "Daily Chronicle."

"Why", he said, "I could give you now from memory the names of at least 50 English and American University professors who are witnesses to the truth of Spiritualism. But I do not wish to depreciate the simple folk who have kept the light burning all these years. What they see in it is the religious side, not the scientific, and it is the religious that counts. The flying of a tambourine across the room doesn't interest me at all, but if there is a spiritual force behind that movement it does interest me, for it suggests a life beyond this.

"Yes, I am very much in earnest about this, and I am determined to go on from town to town as far as I am able. We are not out to upset any religion, but to fill blank spaces in all the religions. The ordinary Christian is not taught what occurs after death—if there is any dogma about it, then it is very vague. We have got a very definite scheme, and are prepared to prove it—to put such an amount of evidence before people that they cannot choose but believe.

DOGMA MATTERS LITTLE.

"Our teaching is that dogma matters little, that the object of all religion is to produce spirituality, that happiness in the next world depends on life in this. If religion produces spirituality it is a success; if it is a mere formula it is but a curse which eats the soul away."

I asked how the Spiritualist theory would apply to a resolute sceptic like Lord Morley, whom I called at the same time the most religious man in politics.

Oh, yes, I agree," said Sir Arthur; "Lord Morley is a better Spiritualist than the Spiritualists because he has what we call a high-class spirit, but he has not the revelation which would convince him of the felicity in store for him after death.

"The teaching which we get from the other side about Christ is that it is Christ's life that matters to us—the immense importance of gentleness, sweetness, kindness—and that all this haggling about the Fall, about original sin, and about the mystical doctrines which have grown up around His death adds needlessly to the contention of the world.

"Of course we experience sectarian persecution. The Wesleyans of Nottingham, for example, have a financial interest in the largest public hall there, which is always let for the big meetings, but when they heard that it was wanted for my lecture they refused to let us have it and we had to meet in a smaller hall, to which only half the people could be admitted who had wished to hear me."

THIRTY YEARS' BELIEF.

I suggested that Sir Arthur was in the first flush of the recent convert.

"Oh, dear, no," he replied. "It was in 1886 that I took this up—my religious autobiography is all in 'The New Revelation'—but until the war came I was content to educate myself and accumulate evidence. When the war came along I saw that it was a thing of great practical import, and not mere philosophy. It was then that I threw myself into it, and I received fresh testimony at that time which strengthened me to go forward."

"Then you do boldly say, Sir Arthur—as, indeed, you have—that you have actually had conversations with the spirits of the dead?"

"Most unquestionably I have received communications from the other side."

"How is one to be converted to such a momentous conviction as yours?"

"Study the abundant evidences of many different witnesses in many different places, and then if you are not converted, God help you."

"Is it possible for one to be converted into a Spiritualist without actual experience? Would you have been converted if the dead had not addressed you?"

"Yes, I think I should. Saturn and his rings, and almost everything on earth, are accepted on the testimony of others. Spiritualism will not go to the individual; the inquirer must himself go to mediums, get in touch with those who are in the movement, be brought into the circles."

"How would you propose to convert such a man as Lord Morley? I use the name only as a convenient, current symbol for reverence and respect towards earnestness in all its forms."

PROCESS OF CONVERSION.

"I would give such a man four—or perhaps six, because a genuine inquirer would not mind reading six—books to examine carefully, and then I would place him with one or two mediums, whom I would recommend, or pass him on to some one who knows more than I do about Spiritualism."

"What a happiness it would have been to Dr. Johnson," I exclaimed, "if he could have had your conviction. There was some evidence of life after death, he said, but he wished there had been more."

"Yes, and probably he could have got more if he had been a little more analytical over that Cock lane ghost. It may have been a fraud, but it has often seemed to me to have been an outbreak of spirit rapping."

I thought of the lady who celebrated her 95th birthday by writing the old song:—

"Would you be young again?
So would not I."

And I put in a word for those who have no wish that death should be an introduction to more life.

"Are you quite sure," I asked, "that the universal belief in this life after death would not give death its only terror for many persons?"

"From one who passed over in the war only lately I have had the message that if the people on earth knew of the joy beyond they would congratulate, not pity, the dead. In 32 years I have never heard of one wishing to come back."

SIR O. LODGE SUPPORTS SIR A. CONAN DOYLE.

Sir Oliver Lodge, whose "Raymond" is fresh in the public mind, has issued a new volume "Christopher' a Study in Human Personality." This book, a biographical tribute to the later Christopher Tennant, of the Welsh Guards, is a revelation and an index to a fine temperament remaining true to its highest inspirations under the test of trying circumstances. Hence, though there is less reflection of the supernatural phenomena here, a high spiritual plane is reached in the revealing flame of idealism.

Dealing, in a chapter on "Youth and the War," with those who have fallen, Sir Oliver says:—

Their task is far from ended, a complete existence is begun; they enter the ranks of higher service, their power to help is increased rather than diminished, and they still devote themselves to the cause for which they gave their lives.

Let it not be supposed that this noble army is helpless and supine; rather let us be sure that their performance of duty here was but the prelude to more extended service hereafter that the welcome "Well done, good and faithful servant" will sound in their ears in due time, and that, as the outcome of their faithfulness in a few things, they will be entrusted with higher power, greater opportunity for achievement, a fuller measure of self-realisation, than would have been possible to them here and now. It is by their perfect willingness for service, and, if need be, for sacrifice, that they are enabled, in some real sense, to enter into the joy of their Lord.

GAIN AND REUNION.

That is the note, a very striking and comprehensive one, in which Sir Oliver sends his message of comfort and hope. Continuing, in similar strain, the author of "Christopher" says:

For them all is gain; and even for us the gain will ultimately outweigh the loss. For we have not really lost them; they feel themselves to be nearer to us than before; death is no estrangement, it has been felt by many as a kind of reunion. Body separates; spirit unites. These are statements based on evidence, though the evidence must be sought elsewhere; what is said here is the expression of a conviction which has come to many.

Proceeding, Sir Oliver touches upon close family compact, as based on the affection and aspirations of domestic felicity. Such compact carries over to the life beyond and establishes true intercommunion. As the author says:

Wherever such belief prevails, it is only natural that every means of continuing the unbroken family feeling should be employed. Relics, reminiscences, anniversaries, every thing which would remind the family of its dead member, would be kept in the forefront of attention: and the salient influence, the still half-realised presence of the loved one would be felt as a stimulus and an assistance in daily life. The first shock of debilitating pain over, a healthy reaction would begin; and the determination would be made to live worthily, and to serve strenuously, until the time came for corporate reunion.

A COUNSEL OF PEACE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I was glad to read Mr. Tallyarkhan's frank statement in your columns, giving some of the reasons which have led him to sympathise with a movement, which he doubtless considers exists in part, to protect the poor and the down-trodden. There are a few points in Mr. Tallyarkhan's letter, to which I would like to draw special attention. First, that Mr. Tallyarkhan himself signed the requisition for the holding of the meeting at the Town Hall. This he doubtless now regrets having done.

It is a thousand pities that those who saw the mistake that was made in trying to force a unanimous public opinion where it did not exist, in whatever disproportion of votes the difference may have originally existed, did not at once call off the meeting or alter it to one only of Lord Willingdon's sympathisers and admirers, of whom, any honest person will admit, there are several thousands.

Another point I note in the above quoted letter, which I think deserves special notice, is that wherever the Commissioner of Police himself moved about, there his subordinate staff immediately stopped whatever improper conduct they may have been indulging in. From this unbiassed statement, it is evident that, so far as the higher police authorities themselves were concerned, they were down on anything that looked like bullying. Is it not for the good of all concerned that the unfortunate incidents of the 11th should be forgotten and buried, leaving only in the minds of all concerned, the unforgettable lessons which those incidents have doubtless taught?

At a time when India's united welfare is of such primary importance, and West and East have stood together so loyally against a common enemy, is it not most desirable that we should all become better friends than ever before, and try to have kinder and more trustful thoughts of each other's good intentions? Many mistakes have unquestionably been made lately, and under the heat of the moment doubtless things were said and done, for which on calmer moments, there must be felt a sense of regret.

Can any possible good come from fanning into a flame, by continued correspondence, these regrettable occurrences? We are faced with another common foe in the form of famine. Would it not be wiser, and more patriotic, to bury all differences, and as true citizens, with India's best welfare at heart, to join our united force in doing our utmost to relieve the millions of poor and suffering, who so much need the thoughtful help of the more intelligent and well to do classes.

My proposal regarding village wells, which you and your contemporaries were good enough to publish, would I think be a splendid meeting ground for the burying of differences and joining of forces in relieving famine distress. It would result in a healthy and pleasant rivalry, I think, were respective parties to show their devotion to their respective heroes, by constructing wells as memorials to them, such as Willingdon wells, Dadabhoy Naoroji wells, Gokhale wells, etc., etc. This proposal is made in real earnestness, and if adopted, will, I believe, result in oil having been successfully thrown on troubled waters. I beg to urge, that no good can possibly come from making enemies, but on the contrary, much good may result from one and all being willing to forget our differences, in supplying the demand of a great present need, namely, famine relief. Let us try this experiment.

We all need each other's help, and it would be madness for any section of Bombay's citizens to adopt a policy which would result in the help they may need, not being forthcoming when it is needed. "Unity is strength" is a good old adage, which we would all do well to remember.—Yours, etc.

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RANGOON, Dec. 19.

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Intending passengers are awkwardly placed as no Henderson or Bibby liner is expected here for a month at least and the Bombay sailings are believed to be booked up for Indian travellers so that they are quite uncertain as to their chance of leaving. Cables have been sent Home for information, but no replies have been received.

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(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The Howrah railway police are investigating a case of apparent suicide in a compartment of a local train yesterday afternoon. The deceased went to Kellner's stall, took a bottle of soda water and after mixing some white powder with it drank it. Shortly after he was found lying unconscious in a second class compartment. He was sent to the hospital where life was found to be extinct. In his pocket the following letter was found:—

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RANGOON, Dec. 19.

Sir George Buchanan as a member of the Indian Munitions Board yesterday attended a meeting of the Burma Resources Advisory Committee. The question of building wooden ships was discussed and correspondence relating to the use in pulverised form of the low grade Burma coals. The Geological Survey of India is of opinion that many of the Burma coals should prove suitable for use in pulverised condition, should any industry be established on a scale sufficient to justify the installation of 16 necessary grounding and drying plants.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

REDUCTION OF 77 LAKHS IN GOLD HOLDING.

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Dec. 18.

The following press communique is issued:—The currency statement for the week ending December the 15th, shows a reduction of 77 lakhs in the gold holding. This is due to the fact that 2 millions worth of gold is now in course of shipment to America in instalments under an agreement made with the United States Government by which a portion of the silver, which the latter are providing for India, is to be paid for in gold.

PARK FAIR IN MADRAS.

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(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Dec. 19.

At the general meeting of the Madras Corporation yesterday among others the resolution that, having regard to the present situation the Corporation is strongly of opinion that the Park fair should not be held this year was carried.

INCREASE IN INLAND POSTAGE RATES.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Dec. 19.

Increase in the Indian inland postage rates for letters of the heavier weight is notified, thereby bringing them into harmony with the recently revised Indian parcel rates. The new rates affect letters exceeding one tola in weight for which the postage from the 1st January next will be when exceeding one tola but not exceeding two-and-a-half tolas, one anna and thereafter for every additional two-and-a-half tolas one anna.

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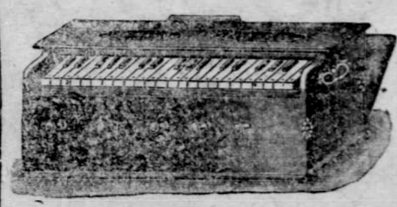

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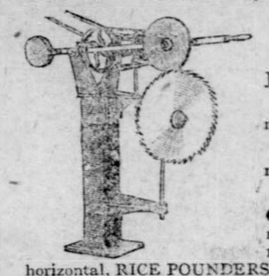

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Barometers corrected to 32 deg Fahr.	29.043 inch
Temperature of Air	75.6 Deg
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69.5 "
Dew Point	66.7 "
Relative humidity or Air	0.741 "
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy=10)	0.4 "
Maximum temperature of Air	83.5 "
Minimum do.	69.3 "
General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight	ENE,NW,NNW.
Movement of Wind do. do.	139 Miles.

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and height of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean time. Depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—

Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean time:		Depth on Still		Day of Month	LOW WATER. Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still	
	Dec.		h. m.	ft.	in	Dec.		h. m.	ft.	in
Fri.	20	m	0 50	28	10	20	m	6 55	18	1
Sat.	21	m	0 43a	29	10			6 32a	15	8
		m	1 29	29	8	21	m	7 39	18	2
Sun.	22	m	1 27a	28	6			7 12a	16	9
		m	2 16	28	10	22	m	8 22	18	4
Mon.	23	m	2 12a	25	10			7 51a	17	11
		m	2 41	27	11	23	m	9 7	18	8
Tues.	24	m	2 39a	25	1			8 40a	19	2
		m	3 15	25	11	24	m	9 56	19	9
Wed.	25	m	3 51a	24	5			9 11a	20	4
		m	3 50	26	1	25	m	10 50	20	2
Thur.	26	m	4 57a	24	0			10 5a	21	4
		m	4 29	25	4	26	m	11 49	21	1
		m	6 21a	24	0			11 33a	22	0

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week:—

Dec.	20 (Friday)	Sunrise	7h. 7m	Sunset	5h. 6m
"	21 (Saturday)	"	7h. 7m.	"	6h. 7m
"	22 (Sunday)	"	7h. 8m.	"	6h. 7m
"	23 (Monday)	"	7h. 8m.	"	6h. 8m
"	24 (Tuesday)	"	7h. 9m.	"	6h. 8m
"	25 (Wednesday)	"	7h. 9m.	"	6h. 9m
"	26 (Thursday)	"	7h. 10m.	"	6h. 9m

Phases of the Moon:—New Moon 19th Dec. 3d. 8h. 49.3m. p.m.; First quarter 11d 8h. 1.4m. a.m. Full Moon 18d. 0h. 47.5m a.m.; Last quarter 25d. 0h. 5.6m. p.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Friday, the 20th December, 1918, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies have cleared except in the extreme north; where heavy cloud persists, humidity is in excess and temperature is in large defect during the day and in slight excess at night. Elsewhere day temperature is slightly below the average and at Multan night temperature is also in defect.

The United Provinces.—Cloud has decreased and skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is higher, but is still below normal at Agra and Allahabad. At most stations temperature is below the average throughout the 24 hours.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are lightly clouded. Humidity remains below normal except in lower Sind where it continues in excess. Day temperature is slightly below the average in upper Sind and east Rajputana; night temperature is lower than usual over the plains of Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is generally below normal. Day temperature has risen and is now in defect only at Neemuch; night temperature is below the average in Gujarat and inland in Kathiawar.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear and humidity is below normal except in the south-western districts, where light to moderate cloud is present and night temperature is above the average. Temperature is locally in defect in the north-west of the division.

The Konkan.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded and humidity is generally above normal. Night temperature is above the average except at Bombay.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded. Humidity continues in excess locally in east Hyderabad and the south Bombay Deccan. Day temperature is slightly above the average in the northern half of the division; night temperature is above normal throughout, the excess being considerable at several stations.

General Remarks.—Weather has been dry except for light local showers in the neighbourhood of the hill in the south of the Peninsula. The western disturbance is less marked to-day and cloud has decreased over nearly the whole of northern India. Night temperature continues above the average over the Peninsula with the exception of south-east Madras.

Dry weather is likely except possibly in the extreme north.

STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

The following information is published in order that vessels in the Bombay Harbour may by comparison with a standard instrument ascertain the errors of their barometers:—

The reading of the Standard Barometer in the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 0 deg. F. and to the level of the tide at 8-45 a.m., Standard Time, on the 20th December, 1918, was 30.194 inches for temperature corrections applicable to mercurial barometer of ships the reading of the ship's barometer has to be increased or decreased by .019 inch for every 5 degrees according as the temperature of the attached thermometer is respectively below or above 80 deg. F. In case of the aneroid no temperature correction is needed. But for comparison at 80 deg. F. all aneroid readings should be increased by .138 inch. For correcting the ship's barometer either mercurial or aneroid for the height of the barometer cistern above the tide level in the stream at 6-45 a.m., Standard Time, the ship's barometer readings should be increased by .010 inch for every 10 feet of the height to make it comparable with the observatory barometer reading given.

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Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba.—Chaplain Rev. R. L. Wormald, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Parade Service; 5-15 p.m. Sunday School; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service.

All Saints Church, Malabar Hill.—8 a.m., Matins; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evening Prayer.

St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Parel.—Chaplain Rev. J. B. Glass, 8 a.m., Morning Prayer; 8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

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Christ Church Byculla.—7-0 a.m., Holy Communion (Plain); 7-30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 8-0 a.m., Holy Communion (Choral); 5-15 p.m., Children's Service; 6-30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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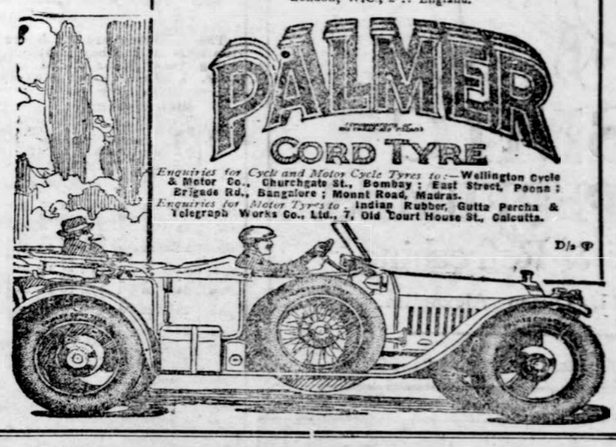

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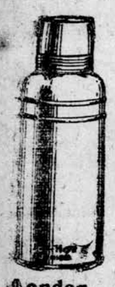

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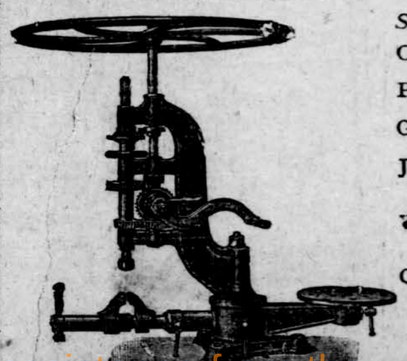

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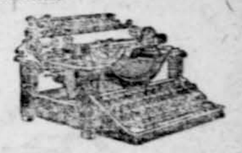

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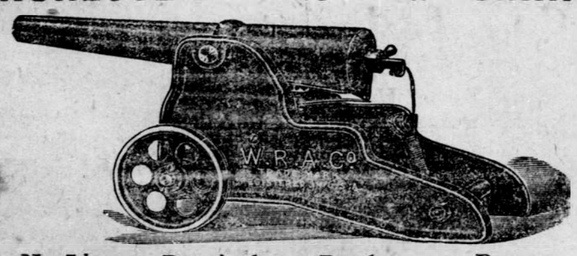

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